



Photo: Maurice Krystal

Dr. Beverly Lai:

Making the dentist's chair less stressful

by Maurice Krystal

On your walks in our Town did you realize there are four dentists with offices on Westminster, all of them female? The proverbial glass ceiling, at least in this profession, has been shattered for quite a while in MoWest! Dentistry is no longer such a male-dominated profession; as of October 30, 2018 in Quebec women made up 48.26% of dentists.

The most recent addition is Dr. **Beverly Lai** who started working together with Dr. **Su-**

san McDonald in June, 2018 and took over her practice when Susan recently retired.

While originally born in NDG, she came with her family to MoWest at the age of three. She attended Edinburgh and Royal West Academy and, recently, when she went to meet the teachers for her daughter, **Madeleine**, she noticed the kindergarten room looked the same and the Garfield poster on the nurse's room door hadn't changed.

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Return of the parade!

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Jerold Wadsworth

Funny hockey stories

by Maurice Krystal

Young at heart, **Jerold Wadsworth** retired two years ago after many years teaching English Lit. at Dawson College. Over the years he has written for film and TV, but now he has written his first collection of five short stories. Never an outstanding student in high school he was elected valedictorian by the graduating class, he said with a twinkle in his eye, just to stuff it to the teachers. But once in university he blossomed academically.

He earned a scholarship in journalism to the University of Western Ontario, but said he learned more being editor of the school newspaper than in class. He left before graduating to hop a freighter to Europe à la Hemingway. For a few years, he took odd

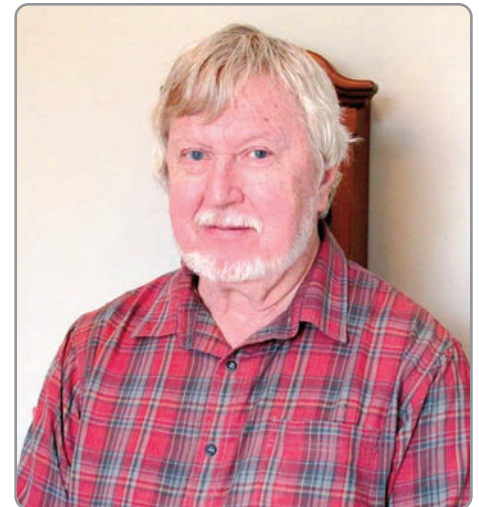


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jobs in Germany, Spain and England. It was in London that he met **Stella** at a social club who picked him to be her husband. Stella's mother did not approve of him as he was a "rootless Canadian between jobs".

They married and moved to Toronto and Jerold tried his hand in the publishing field.

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The Tennis club has a new pro! His name is **Marius (Dragoi Marius)** from Romania. While he was on the Junior Circuit he consistently ranked in the top 5 nationally. At the age of 21, he took an opportunity to go to college where he played in Division 1 and went on to win numerous conference championships and 2 MVP titles.

In his last year of college, he had the privilege to be an assis-

New pro at MW Tennis Club

tant coach for the men's and women's teams and, that year, both teams won the conference.

When Marius is not playing tennis he likes hiking, watching movies, snowboarding, eating good food and spending time with his young family.

Marius would like to offer the following programs: "stroke of the week" (punch card for a clinic, you get a punch every time you attend a clinic, ten punches allows you a free clinic), ladies' interclub team and practices, cardio tennis, tennis conditioning clinic or "Fit to Hit." For more information on programming please see montrealwesttennisclub.ca.

Marius is available at the following times: Monday to Friday before 1 pm, Monday to Friday after 6 pm, Saturday all day and Sunday upon request.

The opening BBQ is scheduled for Saturday, May 25 and

is open to everyone! As of 10 am come out and enjoy free round robins for kids and adults. At

noon, there will be free live music and a free BBQ! So come on out, get to know Marius and the other members of the team, have some fun on the courts and have a bite on us!

To sign up for clinics or become a member either individual or family memberships: find us on Amilia or at Montrealwest.ca under the recreation tab, tennis registration.

Questions? Call us!

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or semi-private lessons:

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A successful swap



Sunday, April 28, the highly-anticipated MoWest Clothing Swap finally took place! What had once been just a fun idea was brought to life after weeks of organization and discussion among the members of the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC). And was all the work – the baking, the advertising, the hauling suitcases fit to burst with clothes down to the Town Hall – worth it? Just ask the swappers! Over 100 people, of all ages and from all over Montreal, showed up to donate clothes and swap around. With 15 volunteers helping out from 10 to 5 o'clock, we managed to set up the abundance of clothes and accessories dropped off by those who were looking to support our eco-friendly event. Some of the items left over at the end were dropped off at a women's shelter and the rest were given to Renaissance (a *fripe-prix* on Saint-Jacques).

This was not just any social event; our clothing swap was a fun and effective way to support a sustainable lifestyle that we should all be living. Instead of throwing out old things to buy new ones, participants of the swap gave hundreds of clothes another life. This is one of the best ways to act against fast fashion, which pollutes our

skies and our waters (to name just a few issues).

Thanks to the entrance fee, the bake sale, and the additional donations, the EAC managed to raise \$368. These funds will go towards another green project determined and overseen by the EAC. So stay tuned, and keep in mind that MoWest's EAC is always open to new ideas and suggestions!

from Haley Clarke-Cousineau



L to R: Tristen Clarke-Cousineau, Maria Torres, Laura Cousineau, Haley Clarke-Cousineau, Chloe Comeau, James Stewart, Kaytee McGilton, Hailey Roop, Sarah Murphy and Erin Murphy. Janice Bicknell, Samantha Morel and Margo Pineau were also volunteers.



MoWest Canada Day parade returns!

We are pleased to announce the return of the MoWest Canada Day parade Monday, July 1.

The festivities will start with a parade contest at 3 pm at Davies Park. Please bring your Blinged-up Bikes, Snazzy Strollers, Wild and Whimsical Wheelchairs or Primped Pets! There will be lots of prizes up for grabs!

The parade will start at 3:30 pm from Davies Park. It will follow the traditional route northward up Westminster, through our beloved commercial hub, over the hump, past Edinburgh School and back down to Strathearn Park where the Canada Day celebration and BBQ will take place!

Want to participate?

If you are part of a MoWest community group or business, please let us know if you would like to participate!

To make this parade a success, we also need lots of volunteers to help guide people. We are also looking for clowns, skateboarders, a uni-cyclist and community dogs who would like to walk in the parade!

Looking forward to seeing you there! Let's make this biggest and best MoWest Canada Day ever!

*The MoWest Canada Day Committee
mowestcanadaday@gmail.com*

West End Quilters

We are coming to an end of our quilting meetings for the summer. Even though we don't meet there is still quilting going on. Members will continue to receive the Block of the Month instructions over the summer and we hope to see some quilt tops come December.

We had another wonderful retreat in April and the next one will be in September, again at *L'Ermitage Sainte-Croix*. We always marvel how much we can accomplish when we aren't interrupted by daily life.

Jennifer Lonergan from *L'Artistri Sud* came and talked to us about their mission of empowering women in developing countries through entrepreneurship, skills training and the building of personal networks. These skills enable the women to sell their handicrafts and support their families. She recently held a workshop in Vietnam and showed us some of the embroidery, quilting and fabric dyeing the women do. We supported Jennifer's endeavours with a donation from our last quilt show.

At our last meeting, **Anna Marrett**, our quilt historian, had books and magazines all about appliqué. She talked about very early Baltimore Album Quilts with flowers, vases and birds and, everyone's favourite, Sun Bonnet Sue.

If you are interested in quilting please join us. We will start again in September.

*from Mary Sutherland
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Knitting, anyone?

Knitting is becoming fashionable again. People who remember **Dorothy Mackay** recall her distribution of wool for knitters to make items for *St. Columba House*.

Due to many bags of wool coming from downsizers and friends, I am also now in a position to offer wool to knitters who will make things for "others:" such as Izzy dolls (**Lise McVey's** article last month), winter wear for street teenagers at *Dans La Rue*, socks for the homeless, perhaps baby clothes for infants cared for by *Batshaw* or known to *Head and Hands*.

I have a lot of wool for babies, lots of small balls from finished garments of mixed fibres, and can provide needles, patterns and instruction if needed.

Interested? Please contact me at **481-6523**.

from Janet King

In loving memory of Audrey Squires Morrison

1932- 2019

In the April-May issue of *The Insider*, condolences to Audrey's daughter **Cathy MacDonald** did not appear.

Sincere regrets and condolences,

Lise McVey

Dr. Beverly Lai

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Beverly went to McGill and got her Bachelor's degree in engineering but after two years of working in the field, it wasn't quite what she wanted. It did not satisfy her inner passion. She went back to school, this time the Université de Montréal, and enrolled in the Faculty of Dentistry. Though she was never really interested in medicine, she did love working with her hands and adored making pottery and sculpture. In fact, she fondly remembers childhood games where she was a dentist (rather than doctor or nurse).

We spoke of the dental profession as having a lot of pressure associated with it as the dentist's office is often a place many people dread, but Beverly assured me it was quite the opposite for her. While no one

likes it when someone fiddles around in a personal space like a mouth, she makes every effort to help the patient feel relaxed. It should be a happy place where people feel as though they are being helped, she says, rather than one creating anxiety.

After graduating from the U of M she approached Susan to work with her as an associate, but Dr. McDonald was not ready to introduce another dentist into her practice, so Beverly purchased a clinic with a classmate in Laval in 2012. When the opportunity to work with Dr. McDonald became a possibility, she jumped at the offer. She often dreamed of opening up an office on Westminster. She worked at both places until last year and loves the fact she works so close to home.

Dr. Beverly Lai runs a family practice and believes strongly in developing a good early oral hygiene ritual. In fact, like the

Canadian Dental Association, she believes that a child's first visit take place within 6 months of the first tooth erupting and no later than 12 months of age to prevent early childhood cavities. She has seen unfortunate cases where 3-year-old children come for a first visit and have such advanced problems that they need to be sent to a hospital to undergo general anesthesia for further treatment.

Her connections to MoWest are very close. She married **Tim Paterson**, whose family settled in the Town before hers. They attended both elementary and high school at the same time and were in a few classes together. Tim works in Human Resources for *Rio Tinto* and takes their son **Maxwell** with him on the train to the company's day care centre. He is three and is looking forward to joining his older sister on the school bus.

Both Beverly and her hus-


band are avid backpackers and hikers. When she was single, she traveled that way in Europe, Asia, Madagascar and Central America. She volunteered in a dental clinic for a while in Guatemala. Today, with children, these trips are more difficult, but they still like the outdoors and both children are into Tim's great passion, hockey.

73 Westminster was originally built to be a doctor's office with the doctor's residence on the second floor. While it looks like the building may have been built in the 30s or 40s from looking at the outside, it is quite modern inside. There are a lot of windows and it has the feeling of being a friendly home more than a traditional office space. It's all part of the MoWest charm.

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Be part of the solution

I welcome you to wake up. The earth is becoming unlivable, much faster than we expected. Our precious home, Mother Earth, is being degraded beyond belief. She has been stricken by the deeply-rooted diseases of apathy and greed. It seems as if money and corporate standing are of more value than the land and waters that give us life. Clear-cutting ancient forests, drilling for oil in the pristine arctic, building pipelines through sacred land and for what? Our "benefit?" Will we benefit when we can no longer breathe, when the land will be too arid to produce food, when the waters are too dry to quench our thirst?

I wish that the blame could be laid solely upon corporations and companies but it saddens me to see people in my life turn a blind eye, choosing convenience over the earth that gives us a home. We each need to do our part, because time is running out. There is no need for pessimism but there is need for prompt action by everyone. Please be a part of the solution. See if there's something more that you can do because there always is.

Thank you!

*Emma McLaughlin
Wolseley North*

IODE



Satisfy your sweet tooth Saturday, May 25 at the **IODE Bake Sale Fundraiser**. From 9 am to noon, you'll find delicious cookies, squares and brownies at 152 Wolseley N under the covered porch. We'd love to see you!



IODE Canada is a national women's charitable organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for individuals through education support, community service and citizenship programs.

Would you like to join us? We meet the second Tuesday of the month at 2 pm at the Community Centre. Our future meeting dates are June 11 and September 10.

Any questions? Please call **Nadine**

Fenton at 485-9127. Follow us on Instagram @iodehmsvictory.



**IODE ... women dedicated
to a better Canada**

Jerold Wadsworth

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But, after a short stint, he found the work stifling and decided to return to school. Things were financially tight and after his classes he worked at night driving a taxi. Their daughter **Sara** was born during this stressful time and after burning the proverbial candle at both ends, he completed two years study and residency requirements for his Ph.D. in English Lit. from the University of Toronto. He did not complete his thesis opting instead to find a job and support his family.

In 1973, he heard about the Alternative School being set up at Dawson College and the Humanistic approach to teaching. Its purpose was to reduce the rate of students dropping out of CEGEP. This, perhaps due to his own educational experience, appealed to him. He was offered a teaching position and stayed

for 14 years. There were no formal classes with only 165 students and 16 teachers in two former mansions on Dr. Penfield Ave. Some negative on-lookers labeled it the "Hippy School." But for Jerold it was the most satisfying period in his teaching career. When the school was moved to the Mother House and big changes to the alternative program were made, he moved into the regular stream.

The idea of writing the short stories that comprise the novel began not long after Stella passed away four years ago battling cancer. It inspired Jerold to focus on things that were positive. He also drew on his 35 years playing in the Town's Old-Timers, where, he claimed, players would fight hard for the puck and argue on the ice, but all would be forgotten in the dressing room. Jerold believes our "gentlemanly MoWest guys" are the finest people you could hope to play and socialize with.

All the stories are funny and nostalgic and much is borrowed

from children's tales and mischievous fairies. Some are outright spoofs on this county's obsession with hockey. The small town feeling warms the heart of the reader. The stories show a love of hockey as it was played in small towns, some portray the rise of feminism at the turn of the 20th C, and there's lots of Irish accents and folklore. The characters are mostly simple, good folk who make funny mistakes reminiscent of another MoWest writer – **Stuart McLean**.

Jerold Wadsworth has been a resident of MoWest for the past 45 years, but for, *Hockey Nights in the Rough Towns*, he has mostly gone back to his roots in small town South Western Ontario, specifically to his life in the suburbs of London and in the Muskoka and Markham areas.

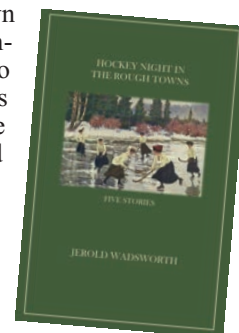
Jerold has been active in sports and the **CRA** for many years, playing hockey with the original MoWest

Old-Timers, until he turned 70. Some of those experiences, with names changed of course, are integrated into some of the stories. As well he, with **Sam Ducharme** and **Serge Pottle**, organized and were the first coaches in the Mudhen's baseball program.

His daughter, Sara and son **Rylan**, both attended Elizabeth Ballantyne in the days when kids in Town could still come home for lunch and play on their own in the parks and streets safely. Sara now lives in Hamilton and is a program developer and coordinator with the *Canadian Cancer Society*. Rylan, who started as a summer student employee at Public

Works, is now the Town's Director of Public Works.

At present, *Hockey Nights in the Rough Towns* (Mosaic Press, Oakville) is available at *Bonder's Book Store* at 52 Westminster North. **484-7131**.



Rotary



Egbert Gaye

Community Contact Newspaper



April 5, we hosted **Egbert Gaye** who came to Canada in 1981 from Trinidad and Tobago. He graduated from Concordia University with a political science degree. He is the director of *Montreal Community Contact Newspaper* a bi-weekly newspaper catering to the Black and Caribbean community. He was part of *CJAD* radio's Gang of Four and still participates from time to time. He is a community-oriented person who wants the community to work together.

Egbert enjoyed our luncheon and said it does not get better than this, talking and eating. Before the Europeans arrived the Iroquois were here and this land was their hunting grounds. He said that Montreal became an official city in 1832 and quickly became the biggest in British North America. Everyone (Jews, Italians, Blacks, Asians and Arabs) came from far and wide to make Montreal the dynamic city it is today. They all came to build a vibrant city and it still captivates people and all people find their place here.

Four million people make up the greater Montreal population. 35% of them do not belong to either the English or French communities. Egbert pointed out that the Mayor **Valerie Plante**, does not have one visible minority in her cabinet. He said that government is the best mechanism to change society and to lead the ground work to change things. It is never just one group that is targeted, but it always starts with one group. We have to stand up united for these people and stop the politicians from targeting new arrivals. Politicians should look at the problems and fix them. Government is supposed to have your back when things go wrong.

After many questions, Egbert gave us his thoughts on the latest controversial bill from the CAC saying they have a majority so it

should pass but a lot of people are not in support of it.

Saturday, June 8 The T. Peter Webster Lobsterfest

The Lobsterfest, sponsored by the *Rotary Club of Montreal West and NDG* will take place June 8 at 6:30 pm at the Arena. \$90, 3 lobsters per person; children 6 to 12 years: \$50 (one lobster); children 6 years and under: free (no lobster, access to buffet)

In 2018 we were able to give tax receipts of \$50 for each ticket; we expect the amount to be about the same this year. We serve wonderful lobster as well as boeuf bourguignon, salad and dessert. There will be a cash bar serving a variety of beers, red and white wine and other alcoholic beverages, soft drinks and juices. There will be silent and live auctions and a raffle draw.

The event is a fundraiser for local and international *Rotary* charities. Locally, we support the *The Depot Community Food Centre*, the *MoWest Canada Day* festivities, *Royal West Science Fair*, *YMCA Strong Kids* as well as many others. Internationally, we help a *Rotary* club in Peru that gives free medical/dental clinics using volunteer doctors and dentists. We have supported *Canadian Youth to Armenia*: young people rebuilding schools and hospitals and the *Rotary Foundation* that gives scholarships and works with the *World Health Organization* on polio eradication.

Please join us. This is a fun family event. For tickets, please contact **Doug Yeats** at doug@westendpiano.com. This event usually sells out.

from Doug Yeats



Plant Sale

The *Horticultural Society's* annual plant sale will be held Saturday, June 1, 9-10 am. The sale will take place in the Town parking lot on Westminster opposite the United Church. Plants come from the weeding out and trimming back of overabundant gardens in the neighbourhood. Along with the usual ferns, lily-of-the-valley, forget-me-nots, daylilies and other abundant perennials, there are always some interesting surprises. Prices start at \$1 – all plants are a bargain!

Opportunity for non-members!

Anyone in the area who is doing a little garden clearing is welcome to contribute to the sale. Plants can be dropped off at the back yard of 162 Westminster North (drive-way on Nelson) Wednesday or Thursday, May 29/30.

Opportunities for members!

Membership to the *Horticultural Society* is \$20 for the calendar year (January-December). Membership grants entrance to nine presentations (September to November and January to April) given by speakers with various areas of expertise on some aspect of nature.

There is always a chance after the presentation to ask questions on whatever topic is being discussed.

There is no heavy volunteering in this garden club – the aim is to enjoy an evening once a month with like-minded individuals and perhaps benefit from expert advice along the way. Refreshments are available for anyone who wants to linger.

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Les Amis du parc Meadowbrook celebrates 30th anniversary



To celebrate its 30th anniversary, *Les Amis du parc Meadowbrook* is preparing a series of special features on its website (lesamisdemeadowbrook.org) The first feature, which is now online, is a timeline (including old maps) of land use and property owners on the Meadowbrook site, from prehistoric times to the present.

Les Amis du parc Meadowbrook is a citizen's group affiliated with local and national environmental groups and devoted to protecting natural spaces. It was formed in 1989 after a group of local residents met to discuss their concerns about the planned construction by *Canadian Pacific* and *Marathon Realty* of a residential development on Meadowbrook golf course. They were worried about the loss of green

space and the increased traffic such a project would bring.

Over the past 30 years, the property was sold to developer *Groupe Pacific*, the City of Montreal changed the zoning to "large green space or recreational," the property owners sued the cities of Côte Saint-Luc and Montreal, and members of *Les Amis* presented countless briefs at public hearings. The group is still working toward the ultimate goal of transforming the property into Meadowbrook Park, an urban nature park open and accessible to all, and connected through a greenway to a network of parks, including Falaise Saint-Jacques.

This article can be found on lesamisdemeadowbrook.org/30th-anniversary-features/ or by clicking on the "30th Anniversary" tab in the home page header.

from Janice Hamilton



Elizabeth Ballantyne



Markaila on the trapeze



Asser is spinning!

At EBS, we keep moving!

Le Grand Défi

The EBS students and staff members are participating in *Le Grand Défi* – Energy Cubes, a challenge where students engage in physical activity as much as possible at school and at home. This will be a great opportunity to showcase this month's core value, which is PERSEVERANCE. The students are familiar with the Energy Cube Challenge – this is our second year. They have all received their Energy Cube booklets – a cube will be filled in for each 15 minutes of physical activity the student performs. Any type of activity can be included – extracurricular sports, walking, biking, etc.

We want to encourage families to participate with their children, parents and siblings can "give" their energy cubes to the student.

We are leading the way in Québec by being a physically fit pilot school. Our goal is to teach our students the importance of physical activity for their overall health and for academic success. Our hope is that a combined effort between home and school will help to make this goal a reality. Watch out for the next issue of *The Informer* to see our results!

Circus School

On April 9, the kindergarten and cycle one students went on an amazing trip to the *Circus School* in Verdun. This trip was planned during *la semaine du français*, so the circus trainers gave all their instructions/information in French. Another reason for this choice of venue was that it complements our physically activity initiative to have our students moving all day long.

We were welcomed by an incredibly well organized group of circus trainers. They quickly split the kids into groups, gave them directions and prepared them to start their "day at the circus." The day flew by. The kids learned all sorts of circus activities – everything from rings, trapeze, juggling, bouncy floors, fun mirrors and face painting. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves – they stopped for a very short lunch and were ready for more. We returned to school in a bus full of tired but very happy students. What a great day!!

from Kate Marien

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Edinburgh School



Tyler and Amber painting a cucamelon seedling

The garden is growing

In April, the Edinburgh Garden Club (Section 1) planted cold-hardy Swiss chard, lettuce, spinach and radish seeds outdoors in the newly-refurbished raised planters. Some of the seeds were donated by the McGill Seed Library; these will be planted in a special part of the garden so that we can harvest them for seeds later in the year to help replenish the Seed Library. The rest of the plants will, we hope, be harvested for *The Depot Community Food Centre*.

Our amazing spring bulb display is launching into action thanks to grandparent **Mr. Ricci** who planted hundreds of spring bulbs with Edinburgh students in fall of 2017.

In addition to its outdoor plantings, the Garden Club continues to water and tend the tomato, basil and cucamelon seedlings growing inside (which were planted at the AGI), under artificial lights. Students had a session on botanical illustration from parent **Loretta Walz** who really helped them hone their seedling observation skills... some amazing illustrations and paintings were produced!

In March, Nanaimo, BC resident and grandparent **Jerry Moreau** came to talk to the Garden Club about mason bees, a type of solitary native bee that are known to be not only very docile but also super pollinators. Students made tubes out of construction paper in which the bees can lay their eggs – they will be placed inside a wooden home for mason bees that will be placed in the school garden.

Finally, the Home and School Association (H&S) funded the purchase of an *OGarden*, a device used for growing organic produce indoors. The *OGarden*, designed by a Quebec company, is akin to a slowly spinning “ferris wheel of plants” contained in soil pods that rotate around a central light and are watered automatically. This will give Edinburgh students the chance to see food growing up close, even in winter!

The second session Garden Club, set to launch thanks to funding from the H&S, will be led by an *Urban Seedling* instructor. We look forward to new and exciting gardening adventures with the grade 4s and 5s!

from Joanna Duy

École des Amis-du-Monde

Beau temps, mauvais temps, nos petits restent actifs

Grâce à un don de l'équipe cycliste de *Parmalat*, nous avons les corridors. Ainsi, lors des récréations quand il pleut, nos petits peuvent bouger et s'amuser. De plus, ces jeux servent aussi pendant les heures de classe pour les jeunes qui ont la bougeotte.

Inauguration de l'agrandissement de l'école

Le vendredi 3 mai en matinée, le conseil des élèves et la direction ont préparé une belle cérémonie où membres de la commission scolaire, député, représentants de Côte Saint-Luc, partenaires communautaires, parents et membres du personnel étaient conviés.

L'arbre du Vivre ensemble en français

Cette année, nous avons complété la rédaction de notre nouveau projet éducatif. Notre projet rassembleur a pris la forme d'une immense production à l'entrée de l'école, «L'Arbre du vivre ensemble» présenté par **Ève Paquin** et **Darya Dudsonak**.

La fabrication a été réalisée à partir de matériaux réutilisés. Le tronc est en papier recyclé peint avec des fonds de pots de

peinture de l'école. La base est comme une roche et à l'intérieur ce sont les racines de nos savoirs représentés par les feuilles d'un vieux dictionnaire. Le tronc représente notre évolution et les feuilles notre grande famille de paix aux Amis-du-Monde.

6 et 7 mai, bienvenue à la maternelle

L'école accueille les élèves de la maternelle de 2019-2020. Les petits seront en activité dans les classes avec les titulaires et les parents recevront des informations importantes pour la prochaine année scolaire.

16 mai, les petits des milieux de garde

L'école recevra les enfants des milieux de garde partenaires. Les petits de cinq ans assisteront à un spectacle avec nos titulaires. Cette activité fait partie de notre plan d'action sur les transitions scolaires.

29 mai, activités parents-enfants avec les professeurs de gym

Les nouveaux élèves de maternelles et leurs parents pourront vivre de belles activités avec nos spécialistes en éducation physique. Les parents partiront avec une banque de jeux favorisant le développement moteur des petits.



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Kosher corner

Second night of Passover starts the countdown to two exciting holidays

Lag Ba'Omer

On the 33rd day of the counting is Lag Ba'Omer (May 23) please reach out for more info about the Community Lag Ba'Omer kosher BBQ.

Shavuot

The culmination of the countdown is the holiday of Shavuot – the anniversary of the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. We look forward to the annual Shavuot dairy brunch and ice cream party Sunday, June 9 11 am. Please join us and bring your family!

First Friday shabbat service

First Friday shabbat services, quite popular over the winter and spring, will be continuing in summer on the following dates: May 31, July 5 and August 2.

Fundraising raffle

With great excitement we would like to inform you about Chabad Westminster's very first community fundraising raffle. Grand prize of \$10,000 plus more! Draw will be July 18. Please visit chabadwestminster.com/Raffle and make a difference.

High Holidays 2019

High Holiday planning is already on the horizon. We hope we can include you in the plans. To RSVP or for more information, please contact Rabbi **Mendy Marlow** at Rabbi@chabadwestminster.com.

All ongoing Torah classes will be continuing throughout the summer unless otherwise notified.

Wishing you a great summer!

*from Rabbi
Mendy Marlow*

Children's Library

Canadian Children's Book Week

In celebration of the Canadian Children's Book Week, students from kindergarten and grade 1 from Elizabeth Ballantyne School were happy to meet with Saskatoon award-winning author **Beverly Brenna**. She entertained her young audience with puppets while reading aloud stories from her picture books.

Beverly's books are aimed at children 4 years old and up to 19 years of age. She has written picture books, fiction books for younger readers and young adult novels. You can borrow her books from the library and enjoy her stories.

Maker Club – le 25 mai

Le samedi 25 mai, vous pouvez faire une mangeoire à papillons dans notre Maker Club. L'activité a lieu de 13 h à 14 h 30. Le coût est 5 \$. C'est notre dernier Maker Club pour la saison. Appelez avant le 23 mai pour réserver une place et enregistrer votre enfant.

Summer reading program

Summer is approaching, and with that comes the thought of endless possibilities to have fun. One very good way to have fun is reading and taking part in the activities at the library. We have started preparing for the exciting summer reading program where, as usual, children can read books and give answers to our clues to win stickers and prizes. Even children who cannot read independently are welcome to participate!

For the first time this year, we are joining forces with the *TD Summer Reading Club*. The theme will be The Natural World – Jungle. *TD Summer Reading Club* is Canada's biggest, bilingual summer reading program for kids of all ages and all interests. This free program is co-created and delivered by over 2,000 public libraries across Canada. It's designed to inspire kids to explore the fun of reading their way – the key to building a lifelong love of reading. Stay tuned via our website for more fun activities to come!

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Library closure

La bibliothèque sera fermée à l'occasion de la Journée des patriotes le dimanche 19 mai, les lundis 20 mai, 24 juin et 1^{er} juillet.

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News from the Public Library



It's almost summer and the library is gearing up for the summer months. As some of the evening volunteers are not available we may be re-vamping our summer hours in July and August. Stay tuned to our Facebook page and website for more details.

Membership offerings

The library has decided to update our membership offerings. The biggest change is to now offer a household membership to all MoWest residents at the rate of \$35 per household. This allows for all household members to have borrowing privileges. The library will also hold its first membership drive in September. So, for those of you who previously renewed your membership in the spring or summer, the library will now be renewing all memberships in September.

Thank you!

The library would like to thank everyone who attended the Laughs for the Library, our first annual fundraiser. It was a huge sold-out success. **Joey Elias** and friends treated everyone to lots of laughs. I think all who attended now look at the lights at the curling club in a slightly different way! The library would also like to thank the *Curling Club*, *Les Delices Lafrenaie*, **Lynn Doyle** and **Giuliana Pendenza** for all their help with this event.

Some people ask why are we holding fundraisers for the library. Well, even though we do get a substantial amount of money from the Town, we need to raise money for events, programming, and new equipment.

Tea and books

Tea and books are back this summer, but we will be asking you to sign up either at the library or by emailing mwlib.requests@gmail.com. Tea and books will be the second Wednesday of the month; the series will last two months (July 10 and August 14). July's theme will be beach reads and August's will be new beginnings.

Book sale

The library will be holding its annual book sale starting Saturday, June 1. Expect

a bargain basement full of bestsellers and eclectic reads all for only one or two dollars each.

Garage sale

The Library will be holding a garage sale and we are looking for items to sell. Small items are preferable that can be dropped off at the library during opening hours from May 25 to June 5. If you have questions call **Merle McPhail**, at **487-5627**, who will be coordinating the sale. No books please as they can be used in our summer book sale event. Thanking you for your help.

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Friends of the MoWest Public Library

Interest in Friends of the MoWest Public Library is growing. New members are joining, especially after the very successful Laughs for the Library event. The Library Board has recently endorsed our mission statement, and we're hopeful others will join in. We were also pleased by Town Council's frequent assertions of support for the library as an essential part of our cultural heritage. We were doubly pleased at the openness expressed at the last Council meeting (April 29) to housing a new, even enhanced library in any building planned for the southeast side of the Westminster "Institutional Area." However, we believe openness must firm up to commitment. Professions of support should not remain vague. They must harden into an actual Council motion that any new building planned for the area must house a new library. Otherwise moving the Library – itself controversial – risks ringing its death knell. Friends of the Library want no repeat of Fraser-Hickson.

We were also delighted to learn that the Mayor is receptive to the notion of public consultations on the nature and scope of any new library. Other towns have preceded us here, renovating their older facilities on the basis of extensive public comments and feedback. We disagree that the cost of such consultations should be borne by the library itself. Given the seniors' depth of involvement in the running and use of the facilities, we believe the cost of such consultation should form part of the on-going "seniors' survey" already undertaken by the Town.

Finally, Friends of the Library suggest that the site requirements of a new library in Montreal West form part of the public offer to sell the land on the southeast side of Westminster. That way, prospective buyers would know up front what the people of the Town expect of them and what the non-negotiable elements of the offer might be.

Interested in participating? Contact me at: giulianapendenza@gmail.com.

from Giuliana Pendenza



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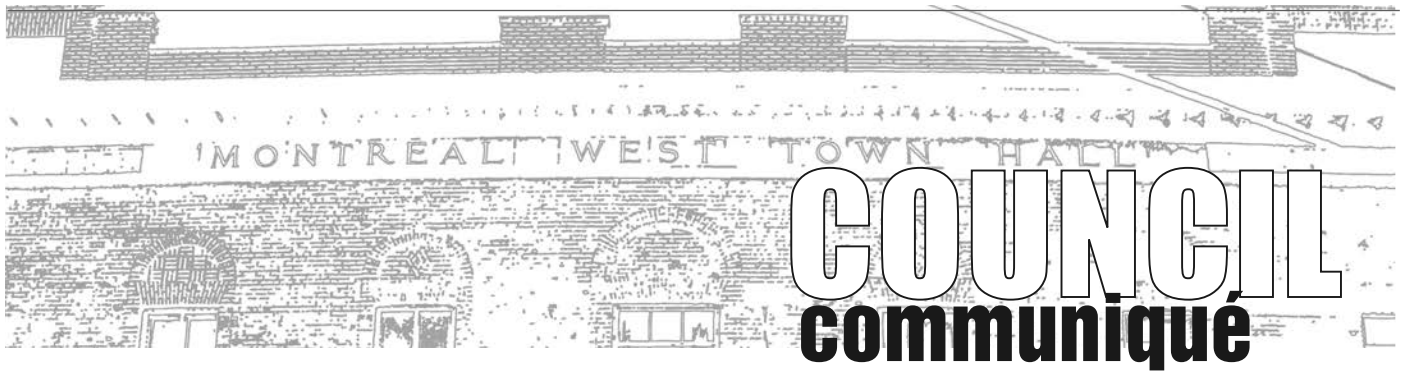
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MAYOR'S REPORT

Library lot



I wanted to clarify any rumours about the future of the library and the sale of the library lot.

As we did not have any offers the last time we went to market, we made some slight modifications to our documents and requirements and republished our Request for Proposals. The plans remain the same: we want to sell the existing library building and the park connected to it. We want a developer to build a mixed-use project – commercial on the ground floor and condos in the floors above it. This will provide some substantial benefits to the Town as a whole: an increase in our tax base, an increase in our variety of housing stock and a potential commercial activity that can extend to the south end of Westminster.

As to where the library will go after the sale of the lot, Council's first choice

would be that the library be located in a new Community Recreation Centre so that all of our cultural and recreation services are housed in one place. There are multiple benefits to this approach: residents of all ages would interact in one location; the audiences for all our services would be expanded and our services will be easier to manage when contained in one building. To this end, we are actively pursuing new grant possibilities to fund this project.

However, in the event our Community Recreation Centre plan does not come to fruition, we will have the option to relocate the library on the ground floor of the new project built on the library lot.

To answer recent interventions by Giuliana Pendenza of the Friends of the Montreal West Public Library, we are committed to having a new space for our library, but cannot say for certain that it will be housed in any new project at the corner of Westminster and Avon. The appropriate time to evaluate this is once we know exactly what kind of new de-

velopment will be built. Many issues such as parking availability, traffic congestion, and physical space requirements will have to be considered.

In the meantime, we are continuing to work with the library to find a suitable TEMPORARY space in Town to relocate the facility during construction of a new project. These plans have not changed in all the years we've spoken about developing that lot of land. In fact, we have been working with a group from the library to ensure that their space needs are met for both the temporary and eventual permanent location.

Coffee with the Mayor

The next Coffee with the Mayor will take place on **Thursday, May 23** and **Thursday, June 20**, from 7:30 to 8:30 am in the Community Centre.

*Beny Masella, Mayor
Town of Montreal West
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NATURAL STORM WATER PREVENTION



Once again, Quebec has seen tragic flooding all over the province, with Montreal even declaring a state of emergency. We here in MoWest were largely spared this season's floods, but we've experienced the serious damage heavy storms can cause. And with climate change these events will only become more common. So what can we do to mitigate the losses?

The Town's been upgrading our traditional infrastructure (catch basins, drainage pipes and storm sewers) for over 10 years when we redo the roads, and that's helped avoid damage from standard storm events. But with the increase in mega-storms,

we need to look further to our "living" public infrastructure to maximise storm water abatement.

So what is this living public infrastructure? Simply put, it's our street tree network.

We may not be used to thinking of the street trees as infrastructure, but actually they're not unlike the lamp posts, hydro poles, fire hydrants and traffic signs that line the public domain in front of our homes. Like these other traditional forms of infrastructure, street trees are an essential part in providing a safe and healthy community space.

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NATURAL STORM WATER PREVENTION

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One way in which they do this is by significantly reducing the impact of storm water. Here's how:

1. Tree canopies act as umbrellas slowing water from entering over-taxed catchments.
2. The soil surrounding trees is more permeable, soaking up and holding water in place.
3. Trees can delay runoff of excess storm water by up to three hours, significantly reducing pressure on municipal drainage systems.
4. Melting snow cover is intercepted and evaporated by trees (7% by deciduous trees and 22% by evergreens).
5. 18% of spring rain water is intercepted and evaporated by trees.

It's clear they're working hard for us.

Urban areas like MoWest are covered with impervious surfaces such as roofs, streets, sidewalks and parking lots, and that's not going to change. But all of those surfaces contribute to storm

water runoff, which is a problem for everyone. Those green areas that do still exist must be utilised to their fullest to mitigate the likelihood of flooding. And this includes the full use of street trees.

As with its road renewal program, the Town has a program to routinely renew its tree canopy. This means that Public Works evaluates the public domain throughout the Town and plants street trees wherever possible. This spring if your address has been selected for a street tree, you'll have gotten a choice of three species to pick from. If you don't make a choice, Public Works will make the selection for you.

If you didn't get a letter but would still like to have a hard-working tree in front of your home, send Public Works a message via the website. The department will assess your front lot and determine if you're eligible.

*Elizabeth Ulin, Councillor
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2018 FINANCIAL STATEMENT REVIEW



The Financial Statements for 2018 were presented at the Council Meeting of April 29. The external auditor gave an unqualified opinion, meaning that the statements accurately reflect the financial situation of the Town with no exceptions or concerns. The results showed an operating surplus of \$478,491 which is 3% of our total budget.

Revenues were \$467K over budget and accounted for the vast majority of the surplus. This included:

- additional revenue of \$145K from Recreation for day camp, pool and other programmes
- an additional \$111K in duties on transfers due to the increase in the sales of homes
- an additional \$55K in taxes due to valuation increases and increased water usage
- permit fees \$53K higher than estimated due to building permits and dog licences
- an additional \$44K in interest
- an additional \$34K in parking permits and tickets
- government grants \$20K over budget due to the successful recycling program.

On the Expense side, total operating expenses were right on track, a slight \$11K under budget. Operating expenses for all departments were under budget, with the exception of Recreation that was slightly over budget (+\$28K) due to the increased registration noted above.

In 2018, the Town continued with its Pay-as-you-go (PAYG) financing of capital projects from the operating fund. Council prefers to do this, when possible, rather than incurring more debt to pay for these projects. This totalled \$431K and included:

- arena roof \$136K
- park and playground improvements, including the opening of the new RD Paul Park \$99K
- building improvements \$63K
- Public Works garage improvements following the energy audit recommendations \$60K
- new website \$36K
- IT improvements \$22K
- electric car charging stations \$12K

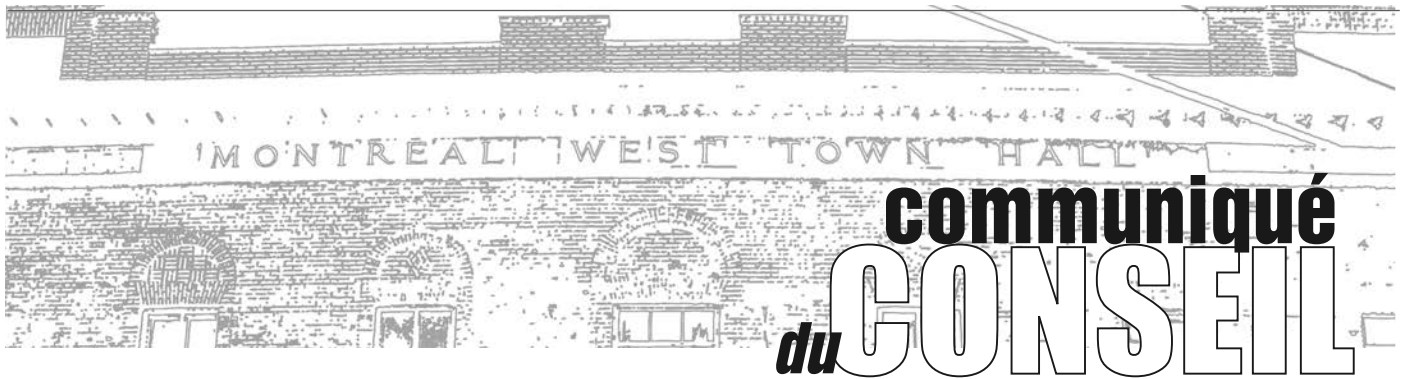
In addition to these, \$402K was appropriated from our surplus accounts to cover improvements to Davies Park consisting of a water play area and landscaping. And, continuing with our infrastructure renewal program, a major capital investment of \$1.67M was spent on road and water infrastructure work on Percival.

Thanks to our PAYG program, use of prior surplus accounts and government grants, the Town had an increase of \$2.5M in capital assets in 2018, while our net debt only increased \$41K. At year end, our net debt stood at \$13.3M, with an unappropriated operating surplus of \$1.9M. The auditor pointed out that over the past five years, the Town has been able to make capital investments of \$12.2M, while actually decreasing its net debt by \$2M.

All the above strategies regarding capital investments, infrastructure renewal and debt management are in accordance with the Town's Strategic Financial Plan which helps guide Town Council and the administration in setting financial priorities and managing risk. Council wishes to express its appreciation to our Treasurer, Valentina Todoran as well as our DG and all our Directors for their careful management of the Town's budgets and finances.

Full details of the financial results can be found on the website.

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RAPPORT DU MAIRE

Terrain de la bibliothèque



J'aimerais faire une mise au point en lien avec les rumeurs concernant l'avenir de la bibliothèque et la vente du terrain de la bibliothèque.

Puisque nous n'avons pas reçu d'offres la dernière fois que nous sommes allés sur le marché, nous avons apporté quelques légères modifications à nos documents et à nos exigences et avons republié notre demande de propositions. L'objectif demeure le même : nous voulons vendre le bâtiment de la bibliothèque et le parc qui y est relié. Nous souhaitons qu'un promoteur y construise un projet à usage mixte avec des commerces au rez-de-chaussée et des condos aux étages supérieurs. Cela procurera des avantages substantiels à l'ensemble de la ville : une augmentation de notre assiette fiscale, un ajout à notre parc de logements et une zone commerciale qui s'étendrait jusqu'à l'extrémité sud de Westminster.

Quant à l'emplacement de la bibliothèque après la vente du terrain, le pre-

mier choix du conseil serait que la bibliothèque soit située dans un nouveau centre récréatif afin que tous nos services culturels et récréatifs soient regroupés sous un même toit. Les avantages de cette approche sont multiples : les résidents de tous âges interagiraient à un seul endroit, nos services auraient une plus grande portée et seraient plus faciles à gérer. À cette fin, nous cherchons activement de nouvelles opportunités de subvention pour financer ce projet.

Toutefois, si le plan de notre centre récréatif ne se concrétise pas, nous aurons la possibilité de relocaliser la bibliothèque au rez-de-chaussée du nouveau projet construit sur le terrain de la bibliothèque.

Pour répondre aux récentes interventions de Giuliana Pendenza des Amis de la Bibliothèque publique de Montréal-Ouest, nous nous sommes engagés à avoir un nouvel espace pour notre bibliothèque, mais nous ne pouvons pas dire avec certitude qu'elle sera logée dans un nouveau projet à l'angle des rues Westminster et Avon. Nous serons en mesure d'évaluer la situation lorsque nous

saurons exactement quel type de nouveau développement sera construit. De nombreux facteurs tels que le stationnement, la congestion et les exigences en matière d'espace devront être pris en considération.

Entretemps, nous continuons de travailler avec la bibliothèque pour trouver un espace TEMPORAIRE approprié pour la relocaliser pendant la construction d'un nouveau projet. Ces plans n'ont pas changé depuis toutes les années où nous avons parlé de développer ce terrain. En fait, nous travaillons avec un groupe de la bibliothèque pour nous assurer que leurs besoins d'espaces sont satisfaits pour l'emplacement temporaire et l'emplacement permanent éventuel.

Café avec le maire

Les prochains *Café avec le maire* auront lieu **le jeudi 23 mai et jeudi le 20 juin** de 7 h 30 à 8 h 30 au Centre communautaire.

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LA PROTECTION NATURELLE CONTRE LES EAUX PLUVIALES



Le Québec a encore une fois été victime d'inondations tragiques partout dans la province. La Ville de Montréal a même déclaré l'état d'urgence. Nous avons été largement épargnés par les inondations cette année à Mo-Ouest, mais nous connaissons les dégâts majeurs causés par une tempête violente. Ces événements ne feront que s'intensifier avec les changements climatiques. Que pouvons-nous donc faire pour atténuer les pertes ?

La Ville modernise son infrastructure traditionnelle (puisards, système de drainage et égouts pluviaux) depuis plus de 10 ans, ce qui lui a permis d'éviter les dommages causés par les tempêtes

ordinaires. Avec une augmentation des orages violents, nous devons nous tourner davantage vers notre infrastructure publique « vivante » pour maximiser la réduction des eaux pluviales.

Quelle est donc cette infrastructure publique « vivante »? En termes simples, c'est notre réseau d'arbres de rue.

Nous ne sommes peut-être pas habitués à considérer les arbres de rue comme de l'infrastructure, mais en fait, ils ne sont pas différents des lampadaires, des poteaux électriques, des bornes d'incendie et des panneaux de signalisation qui bordent le domaine public devant nos maisons. Tout comme ces autres infrastructures dites traditionnelles, les arbres de rue sont essentiels à un espace communautaire sécuritaire et sain.

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LA PROTECTION NATURELLE CONTRE LES EAUX PLUVIALES

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L'une des façons d'y parvenir est de réduire considérablement l'impact des eaux pluviales. Voici comment faire :

1. Les feuilles des arbres agissent comme des parapluies qui ralentissent l'entrée de l'eau dans les bassins hydrographiques surtaxés.
2. Le sol qui entoure les arbres est plus perméable, lui permettant d'absorber et de maintenir l'eau en place.
3. Les arbres peuvent retarder le ruissellement des eaux pluviales de trois heures, réduisant considérablement la pression sur les systèmes de drainage municipaux.
4. La fonte des neiges est interceptée et évaporée par les arbres (7 % par les feuillus et 22 % par les conifères).
5. 18 % de l'eau de pluie printanière est interceptée et évaporée par les arbres.

Il est évident qu'ils travaillent fort pour nous.

Les zones urbaines comme Mo-Ouest sont recouvertes de surfaces imperméables telles que les toits, les rues, les trottoirs et

les stationnements, et cela ne changera pas. Toutes ces surfaces contribuent au ruissellement des eaux pluviales causant un problème pour tous. Les zones vertes existantes doivent donc être exploitées au maximum pour atténuer les risques d'inondation. Cela inclut une utilisation complète des arbres de rue.

Comme dans le cas de son programme de réfection des routes, la Ville a un programme visant à renouveler son couvert forestier. Le service des Travaux publics évalue le domaine public de la Ville et y plante des arbres de rue dans la mesure du possible. Les résidents dont l'adresse a été sélectionnée pour un arbre de rue ce printemps ont le choix entre trois essences d'arbre. Si vous ne faites pas de choix, les travaux publics décideront pour vous.

Si vous n'avez pas reçu de lettre, mais que vous aimeriez quand même avoir un arbre qui travaille fort devant chez vous, envoyez un message aux Travaux publics via le site web. Le département évaluera votre terrain avant et déterminera votre admissibilité.

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REVUE DES ÉTATS FINANCIERS DE 2018



Les états financiers de 2018 ont été présentés lors de la séance du Conseil du 29 avril. L'auditeur externe a exprimé une opinion sans réserve indiquant que les états reflétaient avec exactitude la situation financière de la Ville. La Ville a terminé avec un excédent de 478 491 \$ représentant 3 % du budget total.

Les revenus ont dépassé le budget de 467 k\$ et représentent la grande majorité des surplus. Ces revenus comprennent :

- 145 k\$ supplémentaires de revenus des Loisirs pour le camp de jour, la piscine et autres programmes.
- 111 k\$ supplémentaires de droits de mutation dus aux ventes accrues de résidences
- 55 k\$ supplémentaires d'impôts fonciers dus à une hausse des évaluations foncières et à une consommation d'eau plus élevée
- 53 k\$ supplémentaires de frais plus élevés qu'anticipés des permis de construction et des permis pour chiens
- 44 k\$ supplémentaires en intérêts
- 34 k\$ supplémentaires en permis de stationnement et contraventions
- Une subvention gouvernementale de 20 k\$ due au succès du programme de recyclage

Les dépenses de fonctionnement totales étaient de 11 k\$ en deçà du budget et demeuraient donc conformes aux prévisions budgétaires. Les dépenses de fonctionnement de tous les services ont été inférieures au budget, à l'exception des loisirs, qui ont légèrement dépassé le budget (+ 28 k\$) en raison de l'augmentation des inscriptions mentionnée ci-dessus.

En 2018, la Ville a poursuivi le financement par répartition de ses projets d'immobilisations à même le fonds de roulement. Lorsque possible, le Conseil préfère utiliser ce type de financement plutôt que d'emprunter davantage pour financer ses projets. Ce montant totalisait 431 k\$ et comprenait les dépenses suivantes :

- Le toit de l'aréna : 136 k\$
- L'aménagement des parcs et aires de jeux, comprenant l'inauguration du nouveau Parc RD Paul : 99 k\$
- L'entretien des édifices municipaux : 63 k\$
- Les travaux faits au garage des travaux publics suite aux recommandations de l'audit énergétique : 60 k\$
- Un nouveau site web : 36 k\$
- Une mise au point des TI : 22 k\$
- Une borne de recharge électrique : 12 k\$

De plus, une somme de 402 k\$ a été prélevée de notre surplus pour couvrir les travaux au parc Davies, soit des jeux d'eau et un aménagement paysager. De

plus, dans le cadre de notre programme de renouvellement de l'infrastructure, un important investissement en capital de 1,67 M\$ a été consacré à des travaux d'infrastructure sur Percival.

Grâce à notre financement par répartition, à l'utilisation des surplus antérieurs et aux subventions gouvernementales, la Ville a connu une augmentation de 2,5 M\$ des immobilisations en 2018, alors que notre dette nette n'a augmenté que de 41 k\$. À la fin de l'exercice, notre dette nette s'élevait à 13,3 M\$, avec un excédent non affecté de 1,9 M\$. Le vérificateur a souligné qu'au cours des cinq dernières années, la Ville a été en mesure d'effectuer des investissements en immobilisations de 12,2 M\$, tout en réduisant sa dette nette de 2 M\$.

Toutes les stratégies susmentionnées concernant les investissements en immobilisations, le renouvellement des infrastructures et la gestion de la dette sont conformes au plan financier stratégique de la Ville qui guide le conseil municipal et l'administration à établir les priorités financières et à gérer les risques. Le Conseil aimerait remercier notre trésorière, Valentina Todoran, ainsi que notre DG et tous nos directeurs pour leur gestion prudente des budgets et des finances de la Ville.

Tous les détails des résultats financiers se trouvent sur le site web.

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Beavers

April was a very busy month for our Beaver Colony. We started our month with some April Fool's fun and hosted a backwards/upside down meeting where the Beavers had an opportunity to just be silly! From wearing their uniforms backwards, to opening our meeting with our closing ceremony, they had lots of fun being goofy.

In anticipation of Earth Day in April, our Beavers went for a sleepover at the Ecomuseum Zoo where they observed the animals, participated in their feeding time and learned about nature and animal habitats. This was followed with our weekly meeting focusing on protecting our environment and loving our earth. Each Beaver planted some flowers to take home and made commitments to help reduce, reuse and recycle.

Next, our Beavers were fortunate enough to share in two activities with the Cubs. In April, they celebrated with a "swim-up" in which third-year Beavers were welcomed to the Cub Pack. They then attended an area Beaver Buggy/Kub Kar Rally where our Beavers/Cubs took home 1st, 2nd and 3rd place medals in various categories.

Our final activity in April was a focus on bike safety. Our Beavers had their helmets inspected, learned about hand signals, and reviewed rules of the road. They then rode their bikes (and scooters) through some obstacle courses, down a runway and around the school yard.

May will find us at our annual Family Banquet, first aid with **Joan Foster** and a sleepover at Davies Chalet. With all these fun outdoor activities in our final weeks, we are sure our Beavers are ready for the summer to come!

from Meg Catalano (Acorn)

Cubs

The Cubs, as well as a few siblings, had a wonderful time using the climbing walls at CEGEP André Laurendeau. Under the supervision of two staff members, and wearing safety harnesses, most were able to reach the top of at least two of the walls. They were having so much fun that it was difficult to get them to leave.

We were invited to take part in a Kub Kar Rally at Trinity United Church. Having enjoyed our own Pack's rally so much, six of our Cubs took advantage of the opportunity to race their Kars again, and they were very successful. **Ivan** and **Adam** came first and second respectively in the race for Howlers (oldest Cubs) and **Nathaniel** was third in the race for Runners (youngest Cubs). Ivan and Nathaniel placed second and third in the competition for best design.

We had a meeting in which we discussed ways of predicting changes in weather by observing nature (activities of birds and animals, appearance of trees, types and movement of clouds). Each Cub made a "cloud finder" – a wheel that links the appearance of clouds with their names and how they forecast the weather. We even had a game based on weather: a form of frozen tag, in which the "its" are "freezing rain" and those caught can be released by the "suns".

The Beavers and Scouts held a Moving-up Ceremony. For the coming Scouting year, 13 of this year's senior Cubs will be part of the Scout Troop.

By the time you read this, we will have attended the Scout Group's annual Family Banquet, travelled to Quebec City, including a visit to a Huron village, and a sleepover at the Aquarium. We are planning a week-long camp this summer.

from Bob King (Hawkeye)



Scouts at Luda Farms

Scouts

The Scouts finally had the opportunity to try bouldering after a February snow storm scuttled their earlier plans. The Scouts found the challenges at *Beta Bloc* surprisingly difficult, but they showed resilience and each showed improvement over the course of the evening. It was a great opportunity for the troop to bond and encourage each other in the face of adversity. The following week, they had an exclusive tour of *Luda Foods'* manufacturing plant, courtesy of Scouter **Robert**. The troop learned about the various stages of production, packaging, safety and even had the chance to make their own soup mix using *Luda's* ingredients and recipes.

Another spring activity was a trip to Environment Canada's Meteorological Centre where Scouter **Alex** showed the group how meteorologists forecast the weather using maps, models, and patterns.

Not all meetings can be adventurous trips, so the Scouts spent one evening indoors learning about electronics and the mechanics of computers.

Summer looks to be a busy time, with the Scouts currently planning both spring and summer camps to continue to develop their outdoor survival skills learned at the fall and winter camps

from Scouter Clare Redman

Registration

Early registration began May 1. You will save \$30 on the registration fee if you register before the end of June. New youth can come to visit a meeting or two to see if they would like to join. New Cubs and Scouts are also able to take part in any spring and summer activities once they have registered. Registration is done on line at scouts.ca. For information about our programs, please call **Bob King** at 481-6523 or **Karen Johnstone** at 717-5696.





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Guiding



As the summer approaches and the Guiding year slowly comes to an end, the unit meetings have been jam packed with activities.

Sparks

The Sparks learned about the important role guide dogs perform. The girls had a chance to learn the difference between a regular pet and a guide dog. Each had a chance to role play being a guide dog or a visually impaired person trying to make their way around obstacles. Can you just imagine the difficulties here in Montreal?

Just over half of the Sparks unit advanced to Brownies at a lovely ceremony. To prepare for the event, the girls, worked on a forest fairy firefly theme, created props. They dressed Barbie-like dolls as fairies and sent them off to a fairy camp. Photos and notes were sent over the course of the week updating the Sparks on what the fairies were learning and how they were preparing for the advancement ceremony

Brownies

The Brownies welcomed the advancing Sparks through acting out the Brownie story. The girls worked so hard and presented very well. It was enjoyed by all!

The Brownies wrapped up the year by learning about the natural environment. They planted pop-bottle gardens. **Gina**, their new leader, is a meteorologist. She taught them about weather forecasting. Each group was given a different weather forecast and a chance to present it on Brownie TV. The girls had great fun with it!

Guides

The Guides, being a bit older, tend to go on more outings than the younger groups. For one of their meetings, they went on a metro adventure. As a group, they explored the artwork in different metro stations. They had a fantastic time experiencing the metro system. They learned the artwork is unique to each station.

The Guides also earned their Interpreter's Badge. They were taught a bit of the Greek alphabet, some Korean and Algo-



nquin. They even played "broken telephone" using sign language. That was a lot of fun and ended up with quite a few laughs!!

As the girls get older, they are given more and more opportunities to plan their meetings. The older girls invited the younger branches to attend a bridging meeting in mid-May. It was a meeting entirely planned by the Guides for their younger sisters. The younger girls had a fantastic time learning what the older girls do in Guides. It gives them something to look forward to when they are older.

All the groups had families who attended the *Geordie Theatre* production of *Reaching for Starlight*. It was a fantastic

play, with meanings on so many levels. It was a play well suited for the girls, no matter what their age!

At the writing of this article, the leaders were hard at work preparing the spring camp to be held at Camp Weredale at the beginning of June. It will be a new adventure for everyone!

Registration

Registration is now open for the fall of 2019; it takes place online at: register.girl-guides.ca. Unit meetings will start the week of September 9.

We wish you a restful summer. Hoping to see some of you at the MoWest Canada Day parade!

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**MADA****Public consultations**

The research team under Dr. **Christina Wolfson** of McGill has completed the analysis of the Montreal West Age-Friendliness Survey which was mailed out to residents 60 years of age and over. The survey is based on eight principal factors that are identified by the *World Health Organization (WHO)* as central to a municipality's age-friendliness. These include housing, transportation, outdoor spaces and buildings, social participation and respect, communication, community support and health services.

The *MADA (Municipalité amie des aînés)* Steering Committee met with Dr. Wolfson on May 1 to discuss the results and continue the process of becoming a truly age-friendly municipality.

We now invite all residents to participate in one of the two public consultation sessions where we will share the survey results with you. There will also be an opportunity for questions and comments on the issues which were raised. This, in addition to the feedback we received from the focus groups, will provide the basis for the Plan of Action which the *MADA* Steering Committee will develop in the coming months.

Public consultation dates

- Monday, June 10, 1-3 pm. Town Hall, Music Room
- Thursday, June 13, 7- 9 pm. Town Hall Assembly Room (upstairs)

Come one, come all. We welcome your participation in this important initiative.

Colleen Feeney
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Consultations publiques

L'équipe de recherche dirigée par la Dre **Christina Wolfson** à l'Université McGill a terminé l'analyse du sondage sur la convivialité de notre Ville vis-à-vis des personnes âgées. Le sondage, qui a été envoyé par la poste aux résidents âgés de 60 ans et plus, porte sur les huit facteurs principaux identifiés par l'*Organisation mondiale de la santé (OMS)* comme étant au cœur de la convivialité d'une municipalité à l'égard des personnes âgées. Il s'agit notamment du logement, du transport, des espaces publics et des bâtiments, de la participation sociale, du respect et de l'inclusion sociale, des communications, du soutien communautaire et des services de santé.

Le comité de pilotage *MADA (Municipalité amie des aînés)* a rencontré la Dre Wolfson le 1^{er} mai pour discuter des résultats et poursuivre le processus visant à devenir une municipalité amie des aînés.

Nous invitons maintenant tous les résidents à participer à l'une des deux séances de consultation publique où nous partagerons les résultats du sondage avec vous. Vous aurez également l'occasion de poser des questions et d'exprimer votre opinion sur les sujets qui ont été soulevés. Ceci, en plus des commentaires que nous avons reçus lors des groupes de discussion, servira de base au plan d'action que le comité de pilotage *MADA* élaborera au cours des prochains mois.

Dates des consultations publiques

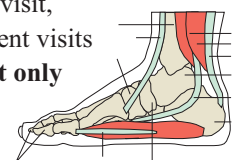
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- Jeudi 13 juin de 19 h à 21 h. Salle de réunion de l'hôtel (à l'étage)

Vous êtes tous invités à participer à ces consultations.

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Town Council meeting: April

by Carol Foster



The Mayor's report dealt with the Town's proposed sale of the land at the corner of Westminster and Avon and the library lot. It is hoped the property will attract a number of multi-use (commercial and residential) proposals and will provide the Town with a much-needed boost to its tax base.

First question period

The first question asked was for more details about the proposed sale. While the by-laws governing any construction on the property are public knowledge, the Mayor explained that the Town's intention is to lean towards the best project for the Town rather than the amount of money being offered.

A member of the newly formed Friends of the Library was concerned about the future of the library. He felt that not enough attention was being paid to the cultural significance of institutions such as the library and spoke at length about the importance of public consultation in determining what kind of library is wanted in the Town.

The Mayor pointed out that he feels that question can be best asked by the library's board because, in fact, the library is an independent institution while, at the same time, it is subsidized by the Town. He emphasized that the Town still has a say in what will be built on this land and it is possible that it can negotiate space for the library. It is also possible the library could occupy space in a community centre which the Mayor feels would be the best fit of all.

The next speaker, a newly elected member of the library board, had a grander vision of the possible use of the land. She felt that the library building and the green space could be renovated and revitalized, making it into a visually pleasing entrance to the Town as well as a more attractive home for the library.

Since this is the only large piece of land the Town owns and the desire is to increase the tax base, the objective has to be to make money from it, rather than to spend money on it, was the way the Mayor saw the situation.

A property on Brock North has been undergoing renovations for close to two years according to a resident living on Westover. She described the resulting damage to a number of trees as well as a large accumulation of construction debris as a result of this work and asked what the Town could do about this eyesore.

The Mayor promised he will investigate and will send her an answer.

The number of empty commercial buildings on Westminster was another situation that needs addressing, according to the next speaker. The Mayor responded that the plans to rejuvenate the Town's centre are expected to improve the conditions, which would attract new businesses and help retain the existing ones. Councillor Feeney added that there are a variety of reasons for this problem and that it is the Town's intent to seek expert help to evaluate the situation.

The Mayor's public statement that he "could not abide by" Bill 21's infringement in municipal affairs by dictating what municipal workers could wear was questioned by another resident. When the Mayor was asked directly if he would defy a provincial law, the Mayor replied that he would personally defy any law which goes against human rights and that he would step down, if need be, rather than obey such a law.

Councillors' reports

There is now a new stop sign on Milner, street cleaning began April 1, the use of leaf blowers is prohibited after May 1, and line painting on streets will begin mid-May, weather permitting. After these announcements, **Councillor Mazzone** said that there

had been a series of tires slashed during the weekend of April 21 and the police are asking for any information which would assist them in their investigations.

Councillor Ulin's report was read by **Mayor Masella** in her absence. The highlight was that there had been a good response to the Town's communication survey. The results will be carefully reviewed in order to make improvements where necessary.

Councillor Feeney reminded all homeowners that the second instalment of property taxes is due May 23. The audit of the Town's 2018 financial statement has been completed and the year ended with a surplus of \$478,000. A considerable amount of this surplus came from the very successful recreation programs. The seniors' survey results are expected May 1, after which a public consultation, open to everyone, will be held in early June.

Winter clean-up and spring-readiness projects are the main focus and May 19 is the date for the collection of hazardous domestic waste at the Public Works yard. **Councillor Torres** concluded her report with her constant reminder that garden waste will not be collected if put in plastic bags.

A bylaw establishing the remuneration of Town Council members was approved and the next question period began.

Second question period

The road-line layout on a portion of Avon and Easton could be improved as well as the quality of paint used to mark them was a comment from a frequent Council attendee. Both the Mayor and Councillor Mazzone were interested in considering revising the layouts. Both men also explained that environmental concerns dictate the use of a water-base paint which fades quickly and other methods are quite expensive or inadequate.

A homeowner on Ballantyne North stated he had received a letter from the Town announcing that a tree would be planted at the front of his property. The home owner objected because he already has five large trees on his property. In addition, he pointed out that some of his grass had been damaged due to work that was done in the Town and this has never been repaired.

Councillor Torres replied firmly that the Town's goal is to plant 100 trees and it has the right to plant them on the portion of the frontage that is Town property. If he doesn't want the tree, he must communicate this to Public Works immediately because the plan is already in progress. The Mayor promised action would be taken on the needed repairs to his grass.

The meeting was then adjourned.



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Réunion du Conseil : avril

par Carol Foster

Traduction par René Boucher



Le rapport du maire traitait de la vente proposée du terrain à l'angle Westminster et Avon et du terrain de la bibliothèque.

Avec un peu de chance, la propriété attirera un certain nombre de propositions à usages multiples (commercial et résidentiel) qui permettront à la Ville d'élargir son assiette fiscale.

Première période de questions

Dans la première question, l'on demandait plus de détails sur la vente proposée. La réglementation régissant la construction sur cette propriété est de notoriété publique, mais le maire a expliqué que l'intention est d'aller avec le meilleur projet pour la Ville plutôt que pour la somme d'argent offerte.

Un membre du nouveau groupe «Friends of the Library/Amis de la bibliothèque» s'est dit concerné par l'avenir de la bibliothèque. Selon lui, l'on n'accorde pas assez d'attention à la valeur culturelle des institutions comme la bibliothèque et il a longuement parlé de l'importance de consulter le public pour déterminer quelle sorte de bibliothèque est souhaitée dans la ville.

Le maire a fait remarquer que le conseil d'administration de la bibliothèque est tout désigné pour poser ce genre de question, parce que dans les faits, la bibliothèque est indépendante tout en étant subventionnée par la Ville. Il a insisté sur le fait que la Ville a quand même un mot à dire quant à ce qui sera érigé sur ce site et pourra négocier un emplacement dans l'édifice. Il est aussi possible que la bibliothèque soit incorporée à un centre communautaire, ce qui, selon le maire, serait le meilleur choix.

L'intervenante suivante, nouvellement élue au conseil d'administration de la bibliothèque, avait des vues plus grandioses pour le terrain en question. Elle était d'avis que la bâtisse et le terrain qui l'entoure pourraient être rénovés et revitalisés pour en faire une entrée agréable de la ville ainsi qu'une résidence plus attrayante pour la bibliothèque.

Aux dires du maire, sa vision de la situation est que, puisque c'est là l'unique grand espace que possède la Ville et que l'intention est d'accroître l'assiette fiscale, l'objectif doit être de générer un profit plutôt que de dépenser.

Aux dires d'une résidente de Westover une propriété sur Brock Nord est en rénovation depuis bientôt deux ans. Elle a décrit des dommages à plusieurs arbres ainsi qu'une grande accumulation de débris de construction résultant de ces travaux et a de-

mandé comment la Ville pouvait intervenir.

Le maire a promis de s'enquérir et de lui transmettre une réponse.

Il faut se préoccuper du nombre d'immeubles commerciaux vacants sur Westminster selon l'intervenant qui a suivi. Le maire a indiqué que les plans pour rajeunir le centre-ville devraient améliorer les conditions, ce qui attirerait de nouvelles entreprises et aiderait à retenir celles qui existent déjà. La **conseillère Feeney** ajouta qu'il y a toute une panoplie de causes à ce problème et que l'intention de la Ville est de solliciter l'aide d'experts au cours de la prochaine année pour évaluer la situation.

Un autre citoyen a remis en question la déclaration publique du maire voulant qu'il «ne pourrait pas respecter» le projet de loi 21 qui enfreint les droits des municipalités en dictant ce que les travailleurs municipaux pourraient porter. Quand on lui a demandé directement s'il déferait une loi provinciale, le maire a répondu qu'il déferait toute loi qui irait à l'encontre des droits de la personne et qu'au besoin, il se retirerait plutôt que se soumettre à une telle loi.

Rapports des conseillers

Il y a un nouveau panneau de stop sur Milner, le nettoyage des rues a repris le 1er avril, les souffleuses à feuilles sont interdites après le 1er mai, et le traçage des lignes sur la chaussée s'amorcera à la mi-mai, si le temps le permet. Après ces annonces, le **conseiller Mazzone** a rapporté une vague de pneus de voitures crevés pendant la fin de semaine du 21 avril; les policiers demandent de leur communiquer toute information qui pourrait aider l'enquête.

Le maire a lu le rapport de la **conseillère Ulin** absente. Le point saillant de ses nouvelles était la bonne réponse au questionnaire de la Ville sur les communications. Les résultats seront analysés avec soin afin d'apporter les améliorations là où requises.

La conseillère Feeney a rappelé aux propriétaires que le 23 mai est la date limite pour le second versement des impôts fonciers. La vérification des états financiers 2018 de la Ville est complétée et l'exercice a livré un surplus de 478 000 \$. Les programmes très réussis des Loisirs ont généré une bonne partie de cet excédent. L'on attend les résultats du sondage auprès des aînés pour le 1er mai, après quoi une consultation publique ouverte à tous sera tenue en début-juin.

Le nettoyage des rebuts hivernaux et les projets printaniers occupent le personnel des Travaux publics, et le 19 mai aura lieu la collecte des résidus domestiques dangereux à la cour des Travaux publics. La **conseillère Torres** a conclu son rapport par

son rappel répété que les résidus de jardins ne seront pas ramassés s'ils sont dans des sacs de plastique.

Un règlement établissant la rémunération des membres du conseil municipal a été entériné avant le début de la seconde période de questions.

Seconde période de questions

Un habitué des réunions du Conseil a commenté que l'on pourrait améliorer la disposition des lignes de chaussée sur Avon et Easton de même que la qualité de la peinture utilisée. Tant le maire que le conseiller Mazzone se sont montrés intéressés à revoir le dessin des marques. Les deux ont aussi expliqué que des considérations écologiques dictent l'utilisation d'une peinture à base d'eau qui s'efface rapidement et que d'autres méthodes sont ou dispendieuses ou inadéquates.

Un propriétaire sur Ballantyne Nord a déclaré avoir reçu une lettre de la Ville lui annonçant qu'un arbre serait planté à l'avant de sa propriété. Il s'y oppose, étant donné que son terrain comporte déjà cinq gros arbres. De plus, il a fait remarquer que des travaux exécutés dans la ville avaient endommagé sa pelouse, ce qui n'avait jamais été réparé.

La conseillère Torres a répondu fermement que l'objectif de la Ville était de planter 100 arbres et qu'elle avait le droit de les planter sur la partie qui lui appartient à l'avant des terrains. S'il ne veut pas l'arbre, il doit immédiatement communiquer avec les Travaux publics, car les plans sont déjà avancés. Le maire s'est engagé à ce que les réparations à sa pelouse soient faites.

La séance a ensuite été levée.

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St. Philip's

Easter Sunday, our pipe organ with its new console from *KJR Associates* made its debut. After five years, everyone welcomed its return and sound! Sunday, June 2 at 5 pm, we will have a special service of choral Evensong to celebrate the restoration of the organ. A wine and cheese reception will follow. Because we have exceeded our goal for fundraising for the work on the organ, the offering at Evensong will go toward our refugee sponsorship.

Sunday, June 9, the Feast of Pentecost, we will hold our 10 am service on the church lawn, followed immediately by a potluck picnic. We welcome our neighbours to join us, either for both worship and the picnic or just the picnic.

The choir will conclude its season on June 16, but our regular worship continues throughout the summer, Sundays at 8 and 10 am. Our Tuesday evening service at 7:30 pm continues as well, but please call as there will be a few scattered cancellations over the summer.

St. Ignatius of Loyola

At St. Ignatius, we're all about outreach and welcome!

Have you heard about Alpha, but still unsure what it's all about? Come and see for yourself how transformative it can be. June 10 at 6:30, we'll be hosting our Alpha celebration dinner. Come and enjoy a fun dinner and hear from people who've just completed our Alpha course. No pressure, just an enjoyable time and an opportunity to see for yourself what Alpha can do for your life. The gathering will be in our Lounge, using the entrance at the back of the church.

We're also excited by Revive – a four-day summer offsite Alpha experience for young adults aged approximately 18-25. It takes place from August 8 to 11. Learn more and reserve your spot: stig.ca/revive.

MW United

...the brick one

April and May so far have been full of so much. Did you catch the Sunday school leading the service on Mother's Day? And thanks to all those who donated books etc. as well as the purchases at bargain prices! If you missed the Book Browse Plus, watch for it next year. And the Musical Thursday – Wow!

Our choir leads will be finishing their season at the end of May, so if choral harmony is what you are after, come quick. Our volunteers continue, but with vacations,

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Montreal West United Church

the choir is more modest in its output. Our Director **Bob Sigmund** is a versatile leader who shapes services using many musical genres to fit the message of the day.

Sunday school's season ends

June 2 is the last Sunday school day until September, so come and see all the children that **Brenda** and her teachers have shepherded through this year. A hot dog and sandwich lunch for all follows. Yippee.

Brenda Murray "graduates" from Sunday school

Our wonderful Christian Development Director for the last 19 years is stepping back from that position. Our Sunday school has flourished under Brenda's watch to a whopping 30-some children. Brenda has managed to keep it fresh and relevant in a way that engages the young ones and enchants the rest of us. While the search is on for a replacement, we want to thank Brenda for her outstanding dedication. Luckily she remains part of our congregation, so will finally get a chance to hear a sermon... not to mention the anthem!

Evening stroll in a meditative circle

Our last Labyrinth Walk of the season will be Tuesday, May 28 between 7 and 9 pm in Wadsworth Hall. Many things are winding down at this point, so it may be a chance for you to ponder that as you make your way around the single pathway that takes you to the centre, then back out the same way. This is close to the summer solstice and just past the last quarter of the moon if you are mindful of such times. Summer planting and planning are on our minds. No doubt the ancients brought similar thoughts to their walks on this pathway and many more. Join us with socks or slippers please. No charge. All welcome.

Vacation time

Worship continues through July, then we take our sabbath rest through August until September 8 when services re-commence. 10 am as always. Sunday school and nursery service resume after that.

Summer blessings on you are yours.

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2019 Summer Events

Tour de l'Île

Dimanche/Sunday, June 2 juin

La Ville de Mo-Ouest accueille le Tour de l'Île cette année! Venez encourager les cyclistes alors qu'ils passent dans la Ville.

The Tour de l'Île will be passing through MW with bikers going along Broughton onto Ballantyne S. Come cheer them on!

On Broughton between Ballantyne S and Brock S, we will have face painting, an inflatable game, arts and crafts and a bike workshop. There will be a bike obstacle course for children to try out. Drop by from 10-11:30 am and help cheer on the cyclists as they pass through our Town.

montreal-west.ca/en/tour-de-lile-2019/

Community Night and Art in the Park Tuesday, June 4, Davies Park, 6 pm

Live music by the *Cadillac Band*, local artists, the SIMulateur (fire prevention), bike engraving by the SPVM, Children's Library, Public Library, Scouts, Guides, camp and pool, Extra Miles and more.

Geek Night and Kidsfest

Tuesday, June 18, Davies Park, 6 pm

With *Nemesis* video games, atelier de loisirs, chess, board games and trivia.

National Indigenous People's Day Friday, June 21, Community Centre, 7 pm

Two films: *The Road Forward* and *Mobilize* (in conjunction with *Cinema Politica* and *Conseil des Arts de Montreal*)

La fête nationale du Québec Un Monde de Traditions

Sunday, June 23, Davies Park

Noon Music by *The Swindlers*

1 pm Circus Show by **M. Verdin**

2:30 pm *Buffalo Hat Singers and Dancers*

Inflatables, face painting, quizzes, crafts, BBQ, beer tent, skate ramp and mural.

Canada day Celebrations!

Monday, July 1, Strathearn Park

3:30 pm Parade begins corner Ainslie and Westminster South

4 pm Festivities begin: Music by *The Fundamentals*, dancing by *AKO* and *Children of Chemistry*.

Beer tent, BBQ, prizes, games, inflatables, waterslide, face painting, pony rides.

10 pm Fireworks at Hodgson Field

Youth Duathlon

Saturday, July 6, Hodgson Field, 10 am

La Femme Blanche and *The Fabulous Flashbacks*

Tuesday, July 16, Davies Park, 6 pm

Multicultural Night

featuring Roberto Lopez

Tuesday, July 23, Davies Park, 6 pm

Corn Roast and Camp Variety Show

Tuesday, August 13, Davies Park, 6 pm

Family Movie Night

Tuesday, August 20, Rugby Park, 8 pm

Movie to be announced; bring your chairs or blankets

Documentary under the stars

Tuesday, August 27, Davies Park, 8 pm

Anote's Ark, Cinéma sous les étoiles de Funambules Media. Bring your chairs.

Fall Festival

Sunday, September 15, Davies Park, 3 pm

Stay tuned for more details.

Summer fitness programs

(start the week of June 10)

Barre

Tuesday-Friday: 8:30-9:30am

TRX

Monday, Wednesday: 6:30-7:30 am or 7-8pm; Fridays: 9-10 am

Stretching

Tuesday: 6:15-7:15 pm; Thursday: 8:30-9:30 am 6:15-7:15 pm

Reach

Tuesday and/or Thursday: 7:15-8:15 pm

Essentrics

Mon/Wed: 8:30-9:30 am

Gentle Yoga

Tues/Thurs: 8-9 pm

Yoga for Stiff Men

Mon/Wed: 6:45-7:45pm

Zumba

Mon/Wed: 7:15-8:15 pm

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COMING EVENTS

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MAY

- Sat 18** Free for all Day.
- Thu 23** **Municipal taxes due** (second instalment)
Échéance: taxes municipales (deuxième versement)
Coffee with the Mayor. Community Centre. 7:30-8:30 am.
- Sat 25** **Bake sale.** IODE fundraiser. 152 Wolseley N. 9 am-noon.
- Mon 27** **Town Council meeting.** Town Hall. 8 pm.
- Tue 28** **Evening Labyrinth Walk.** MW United. 7-9 pm.

JUN

- Sat 1** **Garage sale and BBQ at Le jardin d'enfants Curzon Creative Preschool.** 9 am-1 pm.
Horticultural Society's Plant Sale/Vente de vivaces.
In the parking lot on Westminster opposite the United Church.
Cash only. 9-10 am.
Start of annual book sale. Public Library. Noon.
- Sun 2** **Sunday school closing** and hot dogs. MW United.
Tour de l'Île. Broughton onto Ballantyne S. 10-11:30 am.
Choral Evensong. St. Philip's. 5 pm.
- Tue 4** **Community Night and Art in the Park.** Davies Park, 6 pm.
- Sat 8** **Rotary Lobsterfest.** Arena. 6:30 pm.
Tickets: doug@westendpiano.com.
- Sun 9** **Outdoor worship and parish picnic.** St. Philip's 10 am.
- Mon 10** **Public Consultation on Age-Friendliness Survey.**
Town Hall Music Room. 1 pm.
- Wed 12** **Tea and Books.** Everyone welcome. Public Library. 2 pm.
- Thu 13** **Public Consultation on Age-Friendliness Survey.**
Town Hall Assembly Hall. 7 pm
- Tue 18** **Geek Night and Kidsfest.** Davies Park. 6 pm.
- Thu 20** **Coffee with the Mayor.** Community Centre. 7:30-8:30 am.
- Fri 21** **National Indigenous People's Day.** Community Centre. 7 pm.
- Sun 23** **La fête nationale du Québec.** Davies Park. Starts at noon.
Town Council meeting. Town Hall. 8 pm.

JUL

- Mon 1** **Canada Day celebrations!** Strathearn Park.
3:30 pm: parade. 4 pm: festivities begin. 10 pm: fireworks.
- Sat 6** **Youth Duathlon.** Hodgson Field. 10 am.
- Tue 16** **La Femme Blanche and the Fabulous Flashbacks.**
Davies Park. 6 pm.
- Tue 23** **Multicultural Night.** Davies Park. 6 pm.
- Thu 25** **Shave to Raise.** The pool. 6 pm.
- Sun 28** **Final worship service until September 8.** MW United.

AUG

- Tue 13** **Corn Roast and Camp Variety Show.** Davies Park. 6 pm.
- Tue 20** **Family Movie Night.** Rugby Park. 8 pm.
- Thu 22** **Coffee with the Mayor.** Community Centre. 7:30-8:30 am.
- Mon 26** **Town Council meeting.** Town Hall. 8 pm.
- Tue 27** **Documentary under the stars.** Davies Park. 8 pm.

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Residents are invited to place any unwanted, but functioning and useful items at the end of their driveway for free pickup by their neighbours.

It's perfect for those who'd like to do a spring cleaning, but may not be inclined to hold a garage sale. Any uncollected articles should be removed in the evening and not left out for the Tuesday garbage pick up.



Pool

Summer is quickly approaching, and that means the pool is getting ready to open!

Returning this summer as managers are **Kristin Zavaglia, Soraya Kamen, Emma Caza-Oettel and Liz Simboli**. The entire staff is excited to welcome everyone to the pool for another great summer!

All pool members are encouraged to try out the swim and diving team during our free trial from June 3-21. During this time, practices for swim team run Monday through Thursday, 5-6 pm. Diving practices are Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 6:30-7:15 pm for beginners and 7:15-8 pm for advanced divers.

The pool opens June 1 and will be following our pre-season schedule until June 22. Due to interest in expanding family swimming options, we will also be offering expanded hours. Family swim from Monday to Thursday will be expanded to run 10-11:30 am. Lap swim will still begin at 11 am. Public Swim on Fridays will run 1-9 pm, with lanes inserted in the water for lap swim 5:30-7 pm. Saturdays, lap swim will begin at 10 am and run until 11:30 am with lanes available from 11:30 am-1 pm, while public swim will begin at 11:30 am.

Special event this summer: Shave to Raise: July 25, 6 pm at the pool.