

Christopher Yoo: All the World is a Stage



by Maurice Krystal

We meet at the Pâtisserie. We shake and his grip is strong. **Christopher Yoo** is athletic looking and confident. His voice projects and he gestures with his hands as he speaks. He informs me that he wasn't always this way.

He claims that he was a fat, shy kid growing up in MoWest snacking on chips

and soda in his parent's store on Westminster. He tended to mumble and had a voice like a mouse. Even worse, he stuttered, especially talking to girls.

Because of the province's language laws he had to attend a French elementary school in CSL (École Westminster) and then College Notre Dame. He was active in MoWest and school in both hockey and football hoping to get a sports scholarship to an Ameri-

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My dinner with Darrell

Last September 26, was a very special birthday for me, I turned double digits (10) and I also had a special guest for my birthday dinner. Earlier in the day, **Darrell Fox** was at my school (Edinburgh) for our **Terry Fox** assembly. I didn't know he was coming, then I saw my parents walk in and I was not sure why they were there either.

After Darrell spoke about **Terry**, he asked if it was anybody's birthday that day. All the students looked around and I realized it was me! I got up and Darrell started to talk about my volunteering with **Terry Fox** and that I had been doing the run since I was born. I lost three of my grandparents to cancer, so the run is very important to me and my family.

For my 10th birthday I raised over \$1010 and I have raised over \$10,000 for **Terry Fox** since I was born and I also organize the run with my mom in MoWest. Darrell then gave me a big surprise: one of the T-shirt's he wore when Terry ran across Canada. He only had seven of them and he decided to give one to me! I was so happy he thought of me and I knew that Terry would also be proud.

I always thought it would be very nice to have lunch with Terry to ask him questions. Terry is a real hero! Instead, later on Darrell came to my house for my surprise birthday dinner. I was so happy that Darrell was there with me. That is one day I would never forget and it was one of the best birthdays ever!

This year we are organizing the **Terry Fox Run** for in Strathearn Park on September 15. Registration starts at 10:30. I hope to see you there!

from Avah Pennefather

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in memoriam

Ainslie Tyler Webster – A “Mo West Lifer”



In July, we lost an amazing neighbour – **Ainslie Tyler Webster**. Ainslie, born in 1934, moved to Brock Avenue when she was six. She attended both Elizabeth Ballantyne School and what was then known as Montreal West High – now Royal West Academy.

When Ainslie married **Peter Webster** they moved to Wolseley Avenue and then in her later years Ainslie moved to Nelson Ave – her last Montreal West home. St. Philip’s Church played a pivotal role in her life as she was baptised, married, had her children baptised and one daughter married and then her grandchildren baptised all in the same church. It was also at St. Philip’s that we gathered for her funeral in August.

Ainslie was a nurse – a graduate of the Montreal General Hospital and once she started having children, she, concentrated on raising her family and sharing her love of her community with all around her. **Julie Black** – the songwriter and artist

– talks about the *Village Mentality* where everyone looks out for everyone. Ainslie was a MoWester who embraced this idea and the role she had to play in a compassionate community. Whether she was volunteering at her children’s schools, the *CRA* or helping at the Church, Canada Day BBQs, with the *Rotary* and even recently at the Public Library – Ainslie was always working hard to make Montreal West the best place in the world to be.

Montreal West is a better place because of all that Ainslie and Peter Webster gave to our Town. Our sympathies go to **Penny, Tom and Jane** and their families on the loss of their mother.

from Joan Foster

Lest We Forget: Fred Motton

MoWest has lost one of our finest Veterans of the Second World War – **Fred Motton**. Everyone who has ever been to a Remembrance Day service in Town will remember Fred being a main organizer of this event.

Fred was born in January 1925 and first attended Willingdon School. When his family moved to Wolseley Ave., Fred worked after school in the grocery store at 150 Westminster delivering groceries by bicycle. He attended MoWest High School until 1943 when he left to join the army. At first he was too young to be shipped overseas, but, in the summer of 1944, he was sent to England and on to southern Italy. Two days after his 20th birthday in 1945, he was sent to Belgium and the advance into Holland. Fred stayed in Europe as part of the Canadian Occupational Forces restoring order and infrastructure and returned home to Canada in January 1946.

Fred then met **Eileen Reid** and he and Eileen settled on Connaught Ave to raise their sons and play a very active and involved role in the MW community.

I do not have enough space to itemize all that Fred has contributed to our Town but one of his greatest legacies is keeping us all aware of all that was sacrificed by men and women in the World Wars and the Korean War so that we can live in a safe country: Canada.

This November when we meet at the Cenotaph, we will especially remember Fred and

all he has done for our Town and our country. I am hoping that we can place a memorial bench near the Cenotaph in his memory. Fred is one MoWester to be remembered always!

All our sympathies are extended to Fred’s wife Eileen, their sons **Eric, Roy and G.K.** and families.

from Joan Foster



A spectacular day for a parade!



The return of the MoWest Canada Day parade was the beginning of a wonderful afternoon of fun for everyone.

EVERYONE in Town must have participated in some way!

Community groups came out in great number to march in the parade. In the dark of winter, we hope you will start planning your costumes and props for next year! It was great to see: Guides and Scouts, the Mayor and Councillors, MNA Kathleen Weil, the children's and public libraries, the tennis club, *The Informer*, *Les Amis de Meadowbrook*, *Curzon Nursery School*, Mudhens and Knights, NDG Ringette.... Thanks for joining us!

Kids, parents and pets who came out in Canada Day swag with bicycles decorated

and **June Gray** – whose scooter was decorated by our wonderful volunteers. Every participant got a prize (or two), thanks to the generosity of our local business owners.

Our local merchants supported the parade and the pre- and post-parade contests with a plethora of great prizes. Please join us in thanking *Bijouterie XO*, *Bonder Books*, *Burger de Ville*, *Emmagination*, *Kammy's*, *Les Délices Lafrenai*, *Mini-cout*, *Montreal Chinese Crepes and Dumplings*, *Pastezza*, *Pâtisserie de la Gare*, *RBC*, *Clinique Vétérinaire Montréal-Ouest*, *Nettoyeurs Westminster*. A special shout-out to **Alex** (*Marché de Fleurs Westminster*) and **Eloise** (*Pâtisserie de la Gare*) who also participated in the parade!

The spectators who lined the streets shouting encouragement. After all, what's a parade

without a (small) crowd on the sidewalk!

The MW *Recreation* and *Public Security* teams provided support and direction throughout the planning and on parade day. The *SPVM* led the parade safely through the streets and kept us all together.

And of course, our tremendous volunteers, who made everything possible! They came out in force, wearing big smiles; distributing balloons; directing traffic and generally helping in every way. THANK YOU!

We plan to bring the parade back next year – working to learn from our mistakes (we hope you didn't notice) and improve on our successes. If you have any suggestions or questions, we would love to hear from you: mowestcanaday@gmail.com.

from MW Canada Day Parade Committee



Tom and Monique Filgiano: Living the Dream

Although we are sad to see them leave our community where they were an integral part of all activities, raising a lively family, **Lisa**, **Laurie**, **Ken** and **Marcia** at 52 Brock North since 1985, we are delighted to see them "Living the Dream" on the *Miss Moni* – their 60' yacht harboured in the Bahamas. They plan to spend the winter of 2019/20 circumnavigating the Caribbean and no doubt sending us updates on their travels while we navigating the pot holes and snow drifts here at home.

The lively informal breakfast gatherings at **Josie's** (*Les Délices Lafrenai*) won't be the same without Tom's stories.

We wish them well, safe travels and happy sunsets complete with a glass of wine raised in our names.

from Joyce Teiber



Beny Masella, Joyce Teiber, Tony Teiber, Josie, Becky Dolan, Tom Filgiano and Monique Filgiano

Artists' Showcase

Heroes and Leaders

MoWest amateur and professional artists are invited to display their art at the Town Hall. The theme for the autumn exhibit is abstract. We'll start hanging the show in October.

Application deadline: September 27.

Please keep in mind all works on paper, fabric or canvas must be ready for hanging and three-dimensional pieces, such as jewellery and pottery, must fit in the front hall cabinet.

To find out more about the Artists' Showcase, or to get an application form, go to the MoWest website under "culture," or pick up a form at the Community Centre.

For more details, you may contact **Marian Scully**, Recreation and Cultural Services, 484-1610.

Taking strides to Find a Cure



After another successful *Terry Fox Run* last September in Strathearn Park, raising the bar to over \$26,000, it's that time again to lace up your running shoes and come out Sunday, September 15 to support a great cause to continue Terry's dream to find a cure for cancer. Since Terry's *Marathon of Hope* in 1980, the *Terry Fox Foundation* has raised over \$750 million for cancer research.

The *Terry Fox Run* is a family-friendly, non competitive event. Check out terryfox.org to find the MoWest run site or complete a very brief entry form on site. As there is no entry fee; if you have not collected pledges, simply make a donation.

When and where!

The event will take place from 11 am-3 pm at Strathearn Park. Registration starts at 10:30. You can run, bike or walk any distance of the 2.5 km loop around the park and surrounding area. So, come one, come all and run in the *Terry Fox Run*!

For more information, please email tfmowest@hotmail.com.

from The Pennefather Family

IODE

Grade six awards at Elizabeth Ballantyne



Seoahn Lee, Nadine Fenton, Anastazja Karina Mazur and Mikayla Da Silva

June 20, the grade six graduation was celebrated at Elizabeth Ballantyne school.

Moira Bettinville and **Nadine Fenton** attended the ceremony to present this year's IODE awards.

- The *Doris Schurman award* for effort and improvement in Mathematics was presented to **Mikayla Da Silva**
- The *Marian McLeod Memorial award* for good citizenship, to **Seoah Lee**
- The *Helen Reid award* for effort and improvement in Art or Drama, to **Anastazja Karina Mazur**

Congratulations to the 2019 winners!

Our next meeting will be held on September 10 at the Community Centre at 2 pm.

from Nadine Fenton

Grannies for Good fundraiser

April 27, the *Grannies for Good* had a fundraiser at the Westmount Park United Church to raise money for the *Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign* of the *Stephen Lewis Foundation*. The *Foundation's* focus is supporting community based groups in sub-Saharan Africa, specifically the grandmothers and orphans coping with the ravages of the AIDS epidemic.

This was the fourth year that we have had a fashion bazaar of gently used and new women's clothing and accessories. We had a very successful event in spite of the grey, rainy day. Our usual supporters and people who love bazaars were not deterred by the weather. We were able to send \$10,000 to the *Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign*.

Our thanks to all the people who donated items to the cause. We are touched by your generosity.

*Miriam Byers
Grannies for Good*



Miriam Byers, Joanne Gormley and Marilyn Rappapor



Looking ahead to the 2019-2020 season

The *Horticultural Society* resumes its 2019-2020 season Monday, September 16. On the roster for the season are the Edinburgh School garden; the healing power of plants, including the one that has recently been legalized; a presentation on trees with exceptional photographs; a visit to the Chelsea Garden Show; as well as our annual Christmas gala.

Membership to the Horticultural Society is \$20 for the calendar year (January-December), but non-members are always welcome at presentations of interest for a \$5 admission fee. Meetings are held at the Town Hall on the third Monday of the month.

from Sue Sladen

Rotary

Jeri Pitzel

Decluttering to create space



One of our recent speakers was **Jeri Pitzel**, a professional organizer and a member of the Institute for Challenging Disorganization. Hoarding is only 20 years old as a medical disorder. The reason why people hire professional organizers is to reclaim a basement or a room that can no longer be used because it is too full of stuff. She used to be a government archivist so she is an expert in fixing up paperwork.

She showed us a desk of one of her clients and there was so much paper on the desk that you could not see the desk. The after photo showed the same desk and not one piece of paper on it. She said she organized all the papers into folders and the folders are in the desk. The rule of keeping things in order are acquire, arrange, retrieve and to create space by eliminating clutter. Start by what is irritating you. She does not throw anything away, the client makes the decision on what to trash. The three biggest dangers are hazardous materials, infestation of bugs or vermin and the danger of tripping. Jeri showed us a garage she just decluttered and you would not believe the difference between the before and after photos.

She uses the SPACE principle. First: sort. Second: purge. Third: assign a home. Fourth: containerize. Fifth: equalize meaning one thing in and one thing out.

Jeri ended her talk by discussing why declutter. The reason is because we move into space and only empty space is space. She charges \$50 per hour for her services. Jeri can be reached at atpitzel.jeri@gmail.com.

Coming events

Friday, September 6, 7pm

All-party federal debate

Our club has invited the candidates of every political party to participate in a debate that will take place in the Town Hall. We have received confirmation that the following candidates will be taking part: The Honorable **Marc Garneau** (Liberal Party), **Neil Drabkin** (Conservative Party), **Robin Marty** (Green Party). The Bloc Quebecois as well as the New Democratic Party have already confirmed that they will also take part in the debate; however, their candidates have not yet been chosen. We have also invited the People's Party and are still awaiting confirmation that their candidate, **André Valiquette**, will participate.

Thursday September 12, 12:30 pm

Rotary District 7040 Governor for 2019-2020, **Gerald Lambert**



Enjoying Rotary Lobsterfest. Standing: MNA Kathleen Weil and Mayor Beny Masella; seated: Hon Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport, MP Notre Dame de Grâce-Westmount

Saturday September 28, 6 pm

Caribbean Night - Rhums and joys of live tasting, music and dancing

The *Rotary Club of Montreal West and NDG* is organizing a Caribbean Night which will take place at the Town Hall. There will be a variety of rum and fine Caribbean cuisine to taste, along with **DJ Tac** who will manage the music and dance coaches will manage the dances. The dance/music is related with rum origin country Ron Brugal (Dominican Republic), Bachata and dance coaches will show and guide the basic steps. Tickets will be \$60.

The T. Peter Webster Lobsterfest

Our annual Lobster Festival took place Saturday June 8 at the Arena. We served wonderful lobster as well as boeuf bourguignon, salad and dessert.

Our auction was a success raising \$3800. We also received another \$1200 in donations and the half-and-half raised \$300. The event is a fundraiser for local and international *Rotary* charities. Locally, we are supporting *The Depot Community Food Centre* with cooking classes. We also support *MoWest Canada Day*, *Royal West Science fair*, *YMCA Strong Kids* as well as many others. Internationally we are helping a *Rotary* club in Peru that gives free medical/dental clinics using volunteer doctors and dentists. For many years we have supported *CYMA, Canadian Youth to Armenia*: young people rebuilding schools and hospitals. We support the *Rotary Foundation* that gives scholarships and works with the *World Health Organization* on polio eradication.

from Doug Yeats



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Kosher corner

July 18, Chabad Westminster held its first annual draw with 10 winners, including a grand prize of \$10K. The Chabad Westminster family would like to express our deep appreciation to all those who participated. Whether it was through buying tickets, prize sponsorship or selling tickets. Our goal of \$18,000 would not have been achieved without each and every one of you!

High Holidays

High Holiday season is on the horizon (Rosh Hashana is September 29 after nightfall, October 1 and Yom Kippur October 8 after nightfall and October 9). Chabad Westminster once again looks forward to providing free services to the community. Feel free to invite family and friends! For more information or for Kiddush or prayer book sponsorship opportunities please reach out to info@chabadwestminster.com.

Hebrew reading lessons

Would you like to read Hebrew? A Hebrew reading course is available that will have you reading Hebrew before the High Holidays (just five lessons)! This course is a great refresher if you have been out of practice. Please contact Rabbi **Mendy Marlow** for more details.

Shabbat services

Monthly Shabbat services have been continuing throughout the summer months. We hope to see you. Friday September 6!

Stay up to date

Join our email list and receive information about our local events directly to your inbox; email info@chabadwestminster.com to subscribe.

from Rabbi Mendy Marlow

MADA

Résultats du sondage sur la convivialité envers les aînés

En juin, les résultats de notre sondage sur la convivialité envers les aînés ont été présentés par Dre **Christina Wolfson** de l'Université McGill, Dre **Shannon Heblethwaite** et **Nora Lamontagne** de l'Université Concordia. Le sondage avait été distribué aux aînés de Montréal-Ouest à l'automne 2018 dans le cadre de la démarche de certification de la *Municipalité amie des aînés (MADA)*.

425 répondants âgés de 60 ans et plus ont complété le sondage. Ce dernier était fondé sur les huit principaux éléments identifiés par l'*Organisation mondiale de la Santé* comme étant les facteurs clés de convivialité envers les aînés dans une municipalité. Voici quelques-unes des principales observations :

Espaces extérieurs et bâtiments

La majorité (70 %) des répondants étaient satisfaits ou très satisfaits de ces aspects. Parmi les exceptions, notons le déneigement des trottoirs, l'éclairage de nuit, l'état des trottoirs et la circulation.

Transport

93 % des répondants ont déclaré pouvoir marcher sans aide et 87 % ont déclaré utiliser un véhicule personnel parmi les autres moyens de transport.

Habitat

90 % des répondants possèdent leur propre maison ; 76 % vivent dans une maison unifamiliale et 16 % vivent dans un duplex. 60 % ont indiqué qu'ils ne planifiaient pas déménager dans l'immédiat.

Participation sociale

Nos aînés forment un groupe très actif, 82 % des répondants participent à des activités sociales avec leur famille et leurs amis. 25 % aimeraient voir plus d'ateliers éducatifs, de clubs de marche et de cours de conditionnement physique dans la communauté.

Respect et inclusion sociale

Alors que 50 % des répondants ont déclaré qu'ils ne se sentaient "jamais" socialement isolés, 28 % ont déclaré se sentir "parfois" et 18 % ont déclaré se sentir "habituellement" socialement isolés. Plusieurs suggestions visant à accroître le sentiment d'inclusion ont été citées, y compris l'intégration d'un plus grand nombre d'activités intergénérationnelles.

Engagement social et citoyen

Les répondants ont démontré un haut niveau d'engagement citoyen, 97 % d'entre eux ayant déclaré avoir voté lors d'une élection et 63 % ayant déclaré avoir assisté à une séance du conseil au cours des dernières années. Près de la moitié (49 %) font au moins de 1 à 3 heures de bénévolat par semaine, et 5,5 % en font 10 heures ou plus par semaine.

Communication et information

89 % des répondants ont déclaré avoir principalement pris connaissance d'événements et de services par le journal *The Informer*. Viennent ensuite la bouche-à-oreille (54 %), le bulletin électronique de la Ville (42 %) et le site web de la Ville (40 %).

Soutien communautaire et services de santé

96 % ont déclaré être en bonne ou en excellente santé. Bien que les répondants aient parfois eu besoin d'aide pour diverses tâches comme les réparations à domicile et la préparation des déclarations de revenus, 67 % ont déclaré pouvoir obtenir cette aide facilement.

Dans l'ensemble, les répondants au sondage étaient en santé, heureux et engagés. Lorsqu'on leur a demandé d'évaluer Montréal-Ouest comme un endroit où il fait bon vivre à mesure qu'ils vieillissent, 35 % ont qualifié la Ville comme étant "excellente" et 54 %, "bonne". 84 % ont répondu qu'il était "important" ou "très important" pour eux de demeurer à Montréal-Ouest alors qu'ils vieillissaient, tandis qu'un pourcentage beaucoup plus faible de 64 % a répondu qu'il était "probable" ou "très probable" qu'ils restent ici. Les 20% qui étaient "incertains" ont répondu que cela était surtout dû au manque de logements appropriés. D'après la Dre Wolfson, les "véritables trouvailles" de l'enquête étaient les 75 pages de commentaires écrits. Ces commentaires constitueront une riche source d'information pour le Comité de pilotage au moment où il entreprendra l'élaboration du plan d'action à l'automne.

La présentation complète des résultats du sondage se trouve sur le site web de la Ville. Les points saillants des discussions des tables rondes lors des consultations publiques se trouvent dans mon Communiqué de ce mois-ci.

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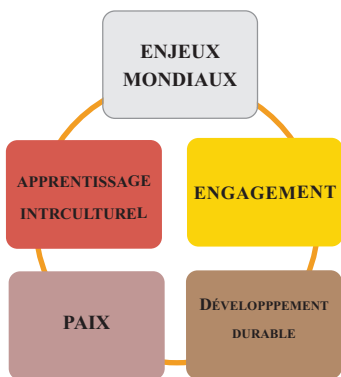
École des Amis-du-Monde

C'est déjà le temps de se préparer à accueillir vos enfants.

Dès le vendredi 23 août, l'équipe-école s'apprête à les recevoir. Si nous voulions définir l'école des Amis-du-Monde en quelques mots, nous pourrions dire que c'est une école inclusive où l'apprentissage est au cœur de nos préoccupations. Nous souhaitons développer chez nos jeunes un sentiment d'appartenance au milieu dans un vivre-ensemble en contexte de développement durable. Nos valeurs se résument dans ce schéma.



Notre école est membre du réseau des écoles associées UN-ESCO. Voici les grands principes :



Nous attendons les élèves du primaire le 28 août à 8h45 dans la cour de l'école. Les élèves du préscolaire ont une rentrée pro-

gressive. Nous invitons les parents de bien regarder les courriels. Des petits rappels seront envoyés quelques jours avant la rentrée.

Il est à noter que pour les élèves du primaire, les 28 et 29 août sont des demi-journées de classe.

Notre site web contient plusieurs informations, exemple le calendrier scolaire de l'année, les listes des effets scolaires. Voici le lien pour y accéder : desamisdu monde.ecoleouestmtl.com/parents/onglet_effets_scolaire

Pour plus d'informations, vous pouvez communiquer avec le secrétariat : **369-6951**.

Au plaisir de vous y retrouver.

Lina Fortin
Directrice

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can university, but stopped sports when he turned 15. After, he attended Concordia and the John Molson School of Business and obtained his B.Com. Christopher then started *Melona*, his own Korean ice cream importing business and, using his father's van and the knowledge he gained in university, he was able to entice 90 local depanneurs to sell his product.

At the age of 25, Christopher had a profound self-reflection. He was doing reasonably well in the ice cream business but he wasn't happy. He worked an 80-hour week and he did not wake up each morning looking forward to going to work. He made list of ten things he wanted to try. First there was photography and second was acting. With his shyness and stuttering, it did not come easily.

He found on Craig's List a local drama teacher, **Adam Kelly**, who got him inspired. He said he was a slow learner and that the process was difficult, but fun. He was drawn to New York City and enrolled in the *Stella Adler Day Conservatory* and then *HB Studio Conservatory*. He was ten years older than his peers at the conservatories and many of them were acting, singing and dancing as young children. They were way ahead of him creatively but by the 4th year Christopher found his "voice."

NYC not only has excellent acting training facilities, but it is the place to make connections in the drama world. The City has hardened him, he claims, which is not such a bad thing. Everyone is tired and angry, especially on the gritty subway system; many are trying to scam you. He remembers early on in the City he held open a door for an older woman who yelled at him to get out of her way. But at the same time the environment is open and vocal, a great place to get rid of shyness! At the moment he is in the States on a student visa and now is applying for a Green Card. He lives in

Little Korea in the Hell's Kitchen area because he wanted to be close to the food he grew up with.

Since January, when he graduated from the *HB Studio*, he has been in four plays. While it's not hard to find work in NYC, in acting, the pay is small. Even after six months in the business he has been typecast. He has played the angry person, shouting at others on the stage. Christopher hopes that comedy action roles are in his future.

There has been in the past ten years a growing demand for Asian actors, both in music, TV and films. Ever since **Psy** and **Gangnam Style** took off in the Western world, everything Korean has become popular. As well, Hollywood has finally realized that having Asian performers (such as the latest *Star Wars* movie) opens up a vast market. Christopher believes he has entered the entertainment world at the right time.

His parents' reaction to giving up the safer world of business for the performing arts has been wary. His mother hoped he would have a regular job, get married and have children by now. But she realizes that Chris' happiness in what he does is important. From her, he has inherited the willingness to work hard to achieve his dreams. His father was initially confused with his choice. Surprisingly, on one of Christopher's trips to Korea, he found out that his paternal grandfather had similar dreams to be an actor. Now his father, a man of few words, is more accepting of his son's career choice.

Mathew, his older half brother, lives in LA and works in computer technology. His second older brother, **Steven**, is a pilot for *American Airlines* and lives in Florida. He was the one who had all the talent to be an actor. It's funny how things work out. Christopher is close to his brothers; after all they helped change his diapers.

West End Quilters

The *West End Quilters* begin another season Tuesday, September 10. The meeting will take place at 7:30 pm in the MW United Church, 88 Ballantyne North. If you are interested in quilting please join us. We welcome new members.

Our meeting schedule will be a bit different this year and not limited to the first and third Tuesday evenings. We will have four Saturday sew days and fewer evening meetings in the cold dark winter months. There is a workshop scheduled for the fall and we will be working on a group quilt as well as community projects. Every meeting has a Show and Tell with finished quilts and works in progress so lots to see and enjoy.

For information, please contact **Mary** at marysdogbob@gmail.com.



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News from the Public Library



Hello from the Public Library. We hope your summer was as enjoyable as ours was here at the library. Although, we may not have had many activities, we have been busy this summer planning our next season of events and programs. To date, we have planned author readings, film screenings, French conversation classes, cookbook book clubs and more! We are kicking our season off September 1 with an annual membership drive.

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Membership drive

The library has updated its membership offerings. The biggest change is to offer a household membership to MoWest residents at \$35 per household. This allows for all household members to have borrowing privileges of all library items (books, DVDs, audiobooks, magazines).

You may ask why are we having a membership drive when the library building is being sold and the library is moving. Not only are we working with the Town to find a suitable location, but also by joining the library you can say "Yes! I want a library. Yes! I deserve a library in my Town and yes! Our Town can afford a library." Libraries are "palaces for the people" and our space is open to everyone in our community.

This autumn even with this uncertainty around our location, we are going full steam ahead with new and recurring events. Our kick-off event is with **Alan Hustak**, journalist and author who will be presenting his new biography on **Justin Trudeau** just in time for our federal election!

Tea and Books

October 16 at 2 pm, as part of our monthly Tea and Books, we will be participating in the Montreal Imagine Week series with a very special discussion of books about death. It happens to everyone so knowledge is power. We have decided to create a discus-

sion both in the library and through our social media around a list of books to introduce you to many of the themes that the "D" word comprises. Pick one up, take a deep breath and prepare for a walk on what lies just on the other side. **Joan Foster** along with **Mary Bianchini** will be discussing one of their favourite books *They left us Everything* by Plum Johnson. Please join us for this very special event.

October 23 at 7 pm: **Scott Macleod** will be presenting his film *First Contact*. Scott is a Canadian multimedia artist, musician and film director living in Montreal. *First Contact* is about the first meeting between the Vikings and the Proto-Beothuk of Newfoundland.

New programs and classes French conversation classes

Returning this fall is our French conversation class to be held Tuesdays at 2 pm for six weeks starting October 1. New this session – free for members, \$40 for non-members. Sign up is required. Sign up by contacting the library in person, through email or by telephone.

Cookbook book club

Starting this October 7 and meeting for six weeks (November 4, December 2, January 27, February 24, March 23), we are organizing a book club centred around different cookbooks, methods, styles, and diets. We will have special guests too! Sign up by contacting the library in person, through email or by telephone. Free for existing members, \$40 for non-members. Topics will include, but not limited to:

- vegetarian, vegan cooking,
- politically correct eating (organic vs conventional, vegan vs omnivore, etc.),
- the 100 mile diet in Canada, eh?,
- healthy entertaining made easy
- tea service

Book sale

The library is continuing its book sale with new books being added. The sale ends at the end of September so come and visit before it's too late.

We have some new and recurring events, but we are always available to have a cup of tea with you so please come and see us!

Friends of the Library

MoWest residents deserve TOP-quality municipal procedures, especially when it comes to their premier cultural institutions like the Library. Here TOP-quality means: Transparent, Open and Participatory. To date, the process with respect to the sale of the Library and John Simms Park land sometimes looks more like a black box than an open book.

Questions abound, though it's fair to say Mayor and Council have been somewhat short on answers. Have there been any bids since July 2? "One bid, but total number is confidential." (Heaven knows why. Public tenders on public land ought to be public themselves.) What are the total operating costs for running the Library? "Those costs will be revealed in due course." (A good thing since with that and some idea of prospective income from development, Library Board members may be able reach out to donors.) For how long would a temporary move be? Can we have some date certainty on a new location? Answer: "Unfortunately, no." Can we get a commitment that the Library will form part of any new development on the John Simms land? Answer: "Not quite, but Council will commit to finding the Library a new home." These answers, often vague, are nevertheless accompanied by warm protestations of support for the Library and the need for a cultural hub in Montreal West.

However, the legal obligations surrounding what could well be called the most significant Town development in recent memory sometimes seem like after-thoughts. Mowesters might not be familiar with the Town's Site Planning and Architectural Integration bylaw. What it says is any building slated for re-development must be assessed by experts for its "heritage value," i.e. its contribution to the cultural identity of the

Town. The law specifically says these buildings "need not be outstanding." They must simply have contributed "to the specific character of Montreal West." If experts agree the building does, then (consistent with surrounding buildings) it must be renovated as part of a larger development, not simply demolished. Might that law not be pertinent to the Library, already recognized as part of MoWest's "Institutional Area"?

It may come as a surprise that Council has already designated the Library as NOT a "building of interest." When asked if there exists any written report about the matter (as would seem required), "Friends" were told no such written report exists. Council took it under advisement whether one would be produced. In addition, as a second surprise, we were told that Council was now using the operating thesis that a building's heritage value could be assessed separately from its function. Translation: the current Library building has served for 50 years as the Town's Library, but that is irrelevant to future development plans, all this despite the fact that the architectural bylaw requires that "heritage value encompasses design, historic, and contextual considerations." Question: if *Loto Québec* approached the Council with an offer to purchase the Town Hall and turn it into a Casino, would the Council then say, "We must separate the building from its function. The fact that the building has been our Town Hall since 1911 is irrelevant"?

"Friends" will continue to ask such questions. We will also help investigate grant opportunities, since many regional libraries have benefitted substantially in recent months. We will visit some of these institutions over the coming weeks to find out just how they have been as successful as they have.

from Keith Henderson

Update: relocation of the Public Library

The Board of the MWPL is continuing to work with the Town to identify and evaluate options for relocating the library pending the sale of the library's current location.

At the Council meeting of June 26, the Board presented its position as follows:

1. The primary aim of the Board is to ensure that the library continues to serve the MoWest community with the same and improved services and programs, as mandated by the Town and the membership.

2. The Board is committed to working with the Town because we truly believe we share a common goal: a successful Bibliothèque Montreal-Ouest Public Library.

3. The Board is willing to entertain the prospect of various permanent new locations, including space in any new development on the current site, so long as the location is suitable for a library, which we understand to mean a space which allows the continued delivery of the same or better services to citizens.

4. A temporary relocation of the library is acceptable so long as the time in the temporary space is finite, while a known permanent location is being prepared.

5. The library Board of Directors and the Friends of the Library are separate and independent of one another. The Friends of the Library was formed to support and protect the library through its own activities.

In July, the Town informed the Board that it was evaluating bid(s) on the property. During this period of review, expected to last approximately 120 days, the Council is bound by confidentiality agreements and is unable to share details of the proposed development(s). However, the Town has a right of first refusal on a space within any new development. It is also still possible that a sale may not happen, in which case the library will not move.

The uncertainty around all of this is very frustrating for all involved. The process demands a step-by-step approach, without knowing the end point. The Board is currently focused on two areas: working with the Town to secure a temporary location for the library in order to be prepared should a sale go through and ensuring a long-term home for the library is identified. The Friends of the Library have offered their help in gathering details regarding grants available to libraries and best practices in library design.


Meanwhile, the library remains open for business. **Deborah** and her staff have a great line-up of events scheduled throughout the fall and new items arrive regularly. Stop by, say hello and get to know your library.

The Board appreciates the support of the community and will continue to provide regular updates in *The Informer* and in the library newsletters.

*from Tanya Radhakrishna
on behalf of the Board of the MWPL*

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Children's Library

TD Summer Reading Program

All summer long, the library has been buzzing with children! Our summer reading program will end on August 31. Until then, children can still read books and receive stickers for every book read in order to complete yet another set of ten books and receive their gift. The last raffle game is ongoing: children are welcome to participate, during opening hours, in colouring the huge painting. For every visit and colouring, the child can enter their name in the Game Raffle.

Our craft sessions were well visited. One of them was dedicated to the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the landing on the moon. Participants learned about the eight moon phases by making a glow-in-the-dark mobile.

August 23, starting at 3:30 pm, we will hold the summer program closing party: inauguration of the *Story Walk*© in Strathearn

Park, *Éducazoo* animation with animals, raffle for our Jungle Reads and Raffle Games is in the program. *Story Walk*© an engaging way for children to read, will introduce the book *Because I Can Read* by **Pat Nicholson**, our own local author.

Registration for fall programs and activities

We have prepared a program of activities and programs that will motivate young children to participate and have a lot of fun. Registration begins Monday, September 9, and the session starts September 16. Make sure to consult our website for details for all our activities, programs and events.

New this fall

A program called Art and Maker Club. Those who have already been part of the Maker Club know that we never miss an opportunity to engage children in building interesting projects. Now, we will integrate

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an art component in order to make it more stimulating and varied.

Claire Dufrene-Boelen : prix performance en français

Bonjour, je m'appelle **Claire** et j'ai 12 ans. Je suis au Collège Notre-Dame et pour le gala du mérite qui est organisé tous les ans, j'ai gagné le prix performance en français pour tout le secondaire 1. C'est en partie grâce à la lecture ! Je dois dire que je suis souvent à la bibliothèque dont l'accueil est chaleureux avec des bibliothécaires qui sont attentives à nos intérêts en tant que lecteur. Dans la vie, j'aime beaucoup lire et cela m'inspire d'ailleurs pour écrire. J'aime aussi dessiner, une bonne façon d'illustrer les histoires que j'écris !

Fermeture de la bibliothèque

La Bibliothèque sera fermée à l'occasion de la Fête du travail le dimanche 1 septembre et le lundi 2 septembre.



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Congratulations to the Mudhen Peewee A and Bantam A teams for winning the Intercommunity Championships in June! Led by a team of dedicated Mudhen coaches, these two teams brought home the title of champions to our community. Congratulations to all the players, coaches, managers and a shout out to our baseball director **Howie Schwartz** for a remarkable season.

May 11, participants from our judo program attended their first competition at the *Shidokan* in NDG. Overall, three of our *judokas* got gold medals against the *Shidokan*. The impressive part is that our kids practise only once a week. The *Shidokan's* program has proven itself over the years. Thank you to our coaches, **Steve Morrissette** and **Marie-Hélène Chisolm**, for all their hard work in building this program. We look forward to another successful year with more completions to come.

Welcome back !

The *CRA* office is officially open and would like to welcome everyone back from a fun-filled summer. Registration is open for programs such as indoor soccer, Future Stars hockey, Gym-tastic, judo, sportball and skating lessons! Questions? Please contact **Samantha** at **485-8598** or email the *CRA* office at infocra@mtlwestcra.ca

Important dates in September

- 7 Fall session of soccer begins
- 21 Pick up hockey, please check the mwhhockey.ca for the complete schedule
- 21 Soccer playoffs
- 21 Last day of Micro soccer and Little Strikers soccer
- 22 U8+ Soccer finals
- 22 Single hockey tryouts begin

Registration is open for the following programs at amilia.com/store/en/montreal-west-cra-arc/shop

Future Stars hockey

Teaches children content, methods and a framework that will help them learn the basic technical and tactical skills of ice hockey. FUN and non-competitive. Children do not need to know how to skate.
Ages: children born in 2013-2014-2015
Days: Thursday, 5:30-6:30 pm and Sunday, 10-11 am
Cost: \$230 (R) \$250 (NR)
Season: October-March

Skating lessons

These classes are for the first-time skater to the more advanced skater, ages 5+. Classes have a low ratio instructor to skaters and teach skating skills through circuits and fun games.
When: Wednesdays (starts October 16), 5-6 pm or Sundays (starts October 20), 11 am-noon
Cost: \$250 (R) \$270 (NR)

Pre school skating lessons

Ages: 3-5
Cost: \$175 (R) \$195 (NR) per session
Fall session: October-December

Intro to figure skating

Age: 5+
When: Sundays, noon
Cost: \$250 (R) \$270 (NR)
Starts October 20-March

Advanced figure skating

Age: 7+
When: Friday, 4 pm
Cost: \$250 (R) \$270 (NR)
Season: October 18-March

Gym-tastic!

We will have fun equipment circuits and progressive gymnastics lessons from our beginners, to the more advanced preschooler. Children must be out of diapers to participate. Fall, winter and spring sessions.
Ages: 3½-5 years, 5:45-6:30 pm; 6-10, 6:30-7:30 pm
Day: Mondays, starts end September
Cost: \$125 per session (R) \$145 (NR)

Indoor Soccer

This is a 10-week indoor soccer program. The focus is to improve skills and technique. Class sizes are kept small to ensure each player receives individual attention.
Ages: 5-6 (co-ed); U8 to U13 boys and girls (separate)
Cost: \$125 (R) \$145 (NR)
Fall session starts end of September
Location: Royal West High School gym

Women's indoor soccer

This 10-week program provides women 19+ the opportunity to learn and play recreational soccer. Coach **Greg Macgregor** will guide you through the rules as well as teach basic to more advanced skills.
Day: Mondays
Cost: \$145 (R) \$165 (NR)
Fall session starts end of September
Location: Royal West High School Gym

Judo

The practise of judo techniques helps develop basic and fundamental physical fitness, such as the development of strength, flexibility, agility, speed, dynamic and static balance, power and endurance.
Ages: 5-16
Levels: Beginner: white and yellow belts
Advanced: yellow and orange
Day: Wednesdays
Cost: \$180(R) \$200 (NR)
Session: October-April
Location: Elizabeth Ballantyne School

Sportball Multisport

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Ages: 3-5, 5:30-6:30 pm; 6-9, 6:30-7:30 pm
Day: Tuesdays
Starts September 25
Location: Elizabeth Ballantyne School



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Trees are the solution!

In a recent article, Alison Hanes of *The Gazette* asked, "Is the climate crisis solution in your backyard?" She explains the results of research published in the journal *Science* by The Crowther Lab of ETH Zurich, which confirms that planting more trees is the most effective solution to combat the existing climate crisis.

According to the research, increasing the world's tree canopy by 25% could ultimately capture two thirds of human-made carbon emissions.

Although, we in Montreal West, cannot reforest the 1.6 billion acres of land that is needed, we can certainly do our part. By reforesting wherever possible, we will help reduce the Heat Island Effect and other consequences of the climate crisis. In addition, maximising the tree canopy has been shown to provide multiple health and social benefits such as lowering respiratory illness, depression, anxiety and even crime rates. If the solution is in our backyard, as Ms. Hanes suggests, then let's plant more trees.

Studies have shown that, for an urban tree canopy (UTC) to have a positive effect on the environment, it must cover at least a 40% of the area (Urban Tree Cover is the green area seen from above). According to a study done in 2016 on the state of Montreal West's urban forest, the Town's UTC is only 25%, much lower than is required to have a significant positive effect on the environment and its residents.

In addition, the Town's tree cover is under threat, as many of our mature trees are aging and becoming more susceptible to climate volatility, pollution, etc. Other factors threatening our trees are the emerald ash borer and human interventions (such as Town and private construction projects).

In 2016, Montreal West approved a Public Tree Planting Guideline which emphasizes the maximization of tree planting on public land, including in front of each residence. It also prescribes the planting of a wide diversity of trees species. However the actions taken by the Town are not enough. To increase the Town's canopy and the health of our urban forest, it is imperative that property owners also become proactive in increasing the tree coverage on their lots. Right now the tree coverage on public land is only at 25%, and on private land it is the same. Not nearly enough!

So, how about it? Would you contribute to increasing our tree coverage by planting new trees wherever possible and taking care of existing trees on your own land? Now more than ever we must assert that every single tree counts!

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MAYOR'S REPORT

Westminster commercial district

In collaboration with our merchants, the Town has begun to make improvements to the aesthetic of the Westminster commercial district.

The process started with the adoption of a special Site Planning and Architectural Integration Program (SPAIP) for the Westminster commercial area. In general, SPAIPs deal with the overall "look" of a town (or town sector) and set guidelines on how buildings and landscaping should properly integrate with one another. The special SPAIP for the Westminster commercial district also regulates commercial signs and storefronts with the goal of enhancing our "town centre" appearance.

In conjunction with the adoption of a new SPAIP, Council wanted to improve the attractiveness of the commercial area in other ways. So, after consulting with the merchants, we implemented some changes. The first step was to install overhead light garlands above the street to give it a lively, distinctive feel. All the comments I have heard so far about these lights have been extremely positive. We are working with building owners on either end of the area now to ensure we'll be able to maximize the coverage, all the way from Sherbrooke to Curzon. After the lights, we added some flower baskets to the lampposts and changed the benches and garbage pails to coordinate with those in Davies Park. Then, as a pilot project, we installed some temporary fencing to delineate terraces outside the food establishments. The idea was to see how it would work if the food vendors had their own outdoor seating area properly delineated with a uniform look. We provided and installed the fencing and the merchants were responsible for the furnishings and maintenance inside their little terraces. We'll evaluate all the comments we receive to see how we might improve this concept in future.

One of the biggest benefits of this revitalisation process has been the way in which it's brought about a closer collaboration between our merchants and the Town. We have always advocated a merchants' association to help boost the area's vitality. And now, thanks in part to this process, a new Merchants' Association has been formed. And it provides a clear channel between the Town and its commercial residents.

A street fair will take place on September 15 to highlight our merchants, our Westminster and our Town.

Coffee with the Mayor

The next Coffee with the Mayor will take place on **Thursday, September 19** at 7:30 to 8:30 am in the Community Centre.

*Beny Masella, Mayor
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Creating a senior-friendly Town: public consultations

At two public consultation meetings in June hosted by the Municipalité Amie des Aînés (MADA) Steering Committee, the results of the Montreal West age-friendliness survey were presented. Please see my article in this *Informer* issue which highlights some of the findings.

Following the presentation, residents were invited to participate in round table discussions. Based on the eight survey topics, each table was tasked with determining their main areas of concern and ways in which the Town could tackle them to create a more age-friendly community. The discussions were frank, open and very constructive. And feedback from the participants was extremely positive.

Key priorities

Housing was identified as the number one priority for those present. They felt encouraging development of seniors' housing or a greater variety of housing options that would allow seniors to downsize within the community should be a focus. Permitting other types of housing such as basement apartments was also mentioned.

The second most important area addressed was the quality of our outdoor spaces and buildings. In order to make them more senior-friendly, improvements to night lighting and sidewalk repairs need to be prioritized. Traffic was also cited as a major concern as was accessibility of public buildings.

The two other top priorities highlighted were communications and transportation. Suggestions to improve communications included more information on the website and a seniors' hot line. Transportation action plans included requesting more bus shelters and setting up a car pooling app for community activities.

Next steps

The survey results, the numerous comments in the survey and focus groups and the results of the round table discussions will serve as the basis for the policy and plan of action that the Steering Committee will begin to draft this fall. After a review by Council, it will be presented to the general public. Upon final approval, the plan will be circulated to all Montreal West households and sent to the government for MADA accreditation as a senior-friendly community. Ultimately, the focus will be on implementing the plan and setting up strategies to ensure proper follow-up.

It cannot be stressed enough that, although the process set up by the government, the focus on senior-friendliness; a senior-friendly community is actually an age-friendly community which is a family-friendly community. The Town's MADA plan of action will benefit all residents. MADA certification also allows the Town to apply for various grants, otherwise unavailable to it.

A big thank you goes out to the nearly 80 residents who participated in the discussion and contributed to this worthwhile endeavour. The committee would like to extend its thanks once again to Dr. Wolfson and Dr. Hebblethwaite and their teams from McGill and Concordia for all the support they provided in the survey preparation and analysis. We could not have done it without them.

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The Westminster street fair is coming!

Sunday, September 15, for the first time, Montreal West will hold a combined street fair and fall festival on Westminster Avenue. It's a cooperative effort between the newly formed Merchants' Association and the Town's Recreation Department. Generally, we organise our fall festival in

one of the parks, but this year with the merchants planning a street fair, it seemed more fun to throw one big party together.

Of course, the businesses will be showcasing their wares, with some offering samples and gift items. And there'll be lots more to do with the whole family: inflatables, a skate park, face painting and crafts for the kids. Plus live music, massage tables, fitness and activity demos and a picnic/BBQ area to relax.

We're very pleased to be working with the merchants on this fair because the vitality of our commercial street is essential to our small community. We all want to be able to shop locally and find what we want in our neighbourhood. But to make sure our shopping street thrives we have to support it.

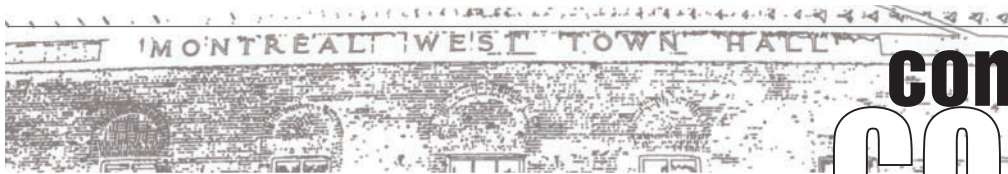
It's also important to note how our local merchants contribute to the community in more discreet ways.

Did you know our merchants regularly donate goods and services to the Canada Day parade, the Town Welcome Baskets (given to all new residents), the Duathlon, the camp and swim team and CRA's Santa's Breakfast? They also donate to library and school fundraisers, Meals on Wheels and many other local not-for-profits.

The street fair gives us a chance to come out and support them – all while having lots of fun!

Hope to see you there September 15 from 11 am to 5 pm!

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Les arbres sont la solution!

Dans un article récent, Alison Hanes de « The Gazette » a posé la question suivante : « La solution à la crise climatique est-elle dans votre cour? ». Dans son article, elle présente les résultats d'une étude du Crowther Lab de l'EPF Zurich publiée récemment dans le journal « Science » qui confirme que planter plus d'arbres est la solution la plus efficace pour combattre la crise climatique actuelle. Selon la recherche, augmenter le couvert arboré mondial de 25 % permettrait de capter deux tiers des émissions de carbone causées par l'activité humaine.

Bien qu'il soit impossible pour Montréal-Ouest de reboiser les 1,6 milliards d'hectares de terrain nécessaires afin de lutter contre le changement climatique, nous pouvons certainement faire notre part. En reboisant autant que possible, nous contribuerons à réduire les conséquences des îlots de chaleur et des changements climatiques. De plus, il a été démontré qu'une optimisation du couvert forestier procure de multiples avantages pour la santé et la société, comme la réduction des maladies respiratoires, la dépression, l'anxiété et même les taux de criminalité. Si la solution se trouve dans notre cour arrière, comme le suggère Mme Hanes, plantons d'autres arbres.

Des études ont montré qu'un couvert arboré urbain doit couvrir au moins 40 % d'une zone (le couvert arboré est la partie verte vue d'en haut) pour qu'il ait un effet positif sur l'environnement. Selon une étude réalisée en 2016 sur l'état de la forêt urbaine de Montréal-Ouest, le couvert arboré de la Ville n'est que de 25 %, ce qui est bien inférieur à ce qu'il faut pour avoir un effet positif important sur l'environnement et ses résidents.

De plus, le couvert arboré de la ville est menacé, car plusieurs de nos arbres matures vieillissent et deviennent plus sensibles à la volatilité climatique, à la pollution, etc. D'autres facteurs qui menacent nos arbres sont l'agrigle du frêne et les interventions humaines (comme les projets de construction privés et de la Ville).

En 2016, Montréal-Ouest a approuvé une directive sur la plantation d'arbres publics qui souligne l'importance de maximiser la plantation d'arbres publics dans les espaces aménageables, y compris devant chaque propriété. Elle prescrit également la plantation d'une grande diversité d'espèces d'arbres. Cependant, les mesures prises par la Ville ne sont pas suffisantes. Afin d'accroître le couvert arboré de la Ville et la santé de notre forêt urbaine, il est impératif que les propriétaires deviennent également proactifs en augmentant la couverture arborée sur leurs terrains. À l'heure actuelle, la couverture arborée sur les terrains publics et les terres privées n'est que de 25 %. C'est loin d'être suffisant !

Alors, qu'en pensez-vous ? Contribueriez-vous à augmenter notre couverture arborescente en plantant de nouveaux arbres dans la mesure du possible et en prenant soin des arbres existants sur votre propre terrain ? Aujourd'hui plus que jamais, nous devons affirmer que chaque arbre compte !

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RAPPORT DU MAIRE

Zone commerciale de Westminster

En collaboration avec nos marchands, la Ville a commencé à apporter des améliorations à l'apparence du secteur commercial de Westminster.

Le processus a débuté par l'adoption d'un plan d'implantation et d'intégration architecturale (PIIA) spécifique à la zone commerciale de Westminster. En général, les PIIA traitent de l'esthétisme global d'une ville (ou d'un secteur de la ville) et établissent des lignes directrices sur la façon dont les bâtiments et l'aménagement paysager devraient s'harmoniser les uns aux autres. Le PIIA pour la zone commerciale de Westminster régleme également les enseignes commerciales et les « centre-ville. »

Parallèlement à l'adoption d'un nouveau PIIA, le conseil voulait améliorer l'attrait de la zone commerciale d'autres façons. Après avoir consulté les commerçants, certaines nouveautés ont été mises en place. La première étape a consisté à installer des guirlandes lumineuses au-dessus de la rue, lui donnant un caractère ludique et distinctif. Tous les commentaires que j'ai entendus jusqu'à maintenant au sujet de ces lumières ont été extrêmement positifs. Nous travaillons actuellement avec les propriétaires d'immeubles situés de part et d'autre de l'avenue pour nous assurer que nous serons en mesure de prolonger la couverture de Sherbrooke jusqu'à Curzon. Nous avons ensuite ajouté des jardinières aux lampadaires et changé les bancs et les poubelles pour les coordonner avec ceux du parc Davies. Ensuite, dans le cadre d'un projet pilote, nous avons installé des clôtures amovibles pour délimiter des espaces-terrasses à l'extérieur des établissements alimentaires. L'idée était de voir comment cela fonctionnerait si les restaurateurs avaient leur propre espace-terrasse bien délimitée et à l'apparence uniforme. Nous avons fourni et installé les clôtures et les commerçants étaient responsables de l'ameublement et de l'entretien de leurs petites terrasses. Nous évaluerons tous les commentaires que nous recevrons pour voir comment nous pourrions améliorer ce concept à l'avenir.

L'un des plus grands avantages de ce projet de revitalisation a été la façon dont il a permis une collaboration plus étroite entre nos commerçants et la Ville. Nous avons toujours préconisé la création d'une association de commerçants pour contribuer à la vitalité locale et maintenant, grâce en partie à ce processus, une nouvelle association de marchands a été formée. Il permet une communication claire entre la Ville et ses commerçants.

Une foire commerciale sera tenue le 15 septembre afin de mettre en valeur nos marchands, notre avenue Westminster et notre Ville.

Café avec le maire

Le prochain Café avec le maire aura lieu le **19 septembre** de 7 h 30 à 8 h 30 au Centre communautaire.

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Consultations publiques : vers une Ville amie des aînés

Les résultats du sondage sur la convivialité de la Ville de Montréal-Ouest envers les aînés ont été présentés lors de deux consultations publiques tenues en juin par le comité de pilotage MADA (Municipalité amie des aînés). Je vous invite à lire mon article présentant les

grandes lignes des résultats du sondage dans ce numéro.

Après la présentation, les résidents ont été invités à participer à des tables rondes. En se basant sur les huit sujets du sondage, chaque table a été chargée de souligner leurs principales préoccupations et de suggérer différentes manières dont la Ville pourrait les aborder afin de créer une communauté plus accueillante pour les aînés. Les discussions ont été franches, ouvertes et très constructives. Et les réactions des participants ont été extrêmement positives.

Priorités clés

Le logement a été identifié comme la priorité numéro un pour les personnes présentes. Ils estimaient qu'il fallait mettre l'accent sur l'aménagement de logements pour les aînés ou sur une plus grande variété d'options de logement qui permettraient aux aînés de vivre dans des plus petits espaces tout en demeurant dans la communauté. L'autorisation d'autres types de logement tels que les appartements situés au sous-sol a également été mentionnée.

Le deuxième domaine le plus important était la qualité de nos espaces extérieurs et de nos bâtiments. Afin de les rendre plus accueillants pour les personnes âgées, il faut accorder la priorité à l'amélioration de l'éclairage de nuit et à la réparation des trottoirs. La circulation a également été citée comme une préoccupation majeure, tout comme l'accessibilité des bâtiments publics.

Les deux autres grandes priorités soulignées étaient les communications et les transports. Parmi les suggestions visant à améliorer les communications, mentionnons la bonification d'in-

formation sur le site Web et une ligne d'assistance téléphonique pour les aînés. Les plans d'action en matière de transport comprenaient l'ajout d'abribus supplémentaires et la mise en place d'une application de covoiturage pour les activités communautaires.

Prochaines étapes

Les résultats du sondage, les nombreux commentaires reçus dans le sondage et les groupes de discussion, ainsi que les résultats des tables rondes, serviront de base à la politique et au plan d'action que le Comité de pilotage commencera à rédiger cet automne. Après une revue par le Conseil, il sera présenté au grand public. Une fois approuvé, le plan sera distribué à tous les domiciles de Montréal-Ouest et envoyé au gouvernement pour l'accréditation MADA. En dernier lieu, le plan sera mis en œuvre et des stratégies seront mises en place pour assurer un suivi adéquat des actions.

On ne saurait trop insister sur le fait que, bien que le processus mis en place par le gouvernement mette l'accent sur la convivialité à l'égard des aînés, une collectivité amie des aînés est en fait une collectivité amie des familles. Le plan d'action MADA de la Ville profitera à tous les résidents. La certification MADA permet également à la Ville de faire des demandes pour diverses subventions qui ne lui seraient pas disponibles autrement.

Un grand merci aux plus de 80 résidents qui ont participé à la discussion et qui ont contribué à cet effort collectif. Le comité tient à remercier encore une fois les Dre Wolfson et Dre Hebblethwaite et leurs équipes de l'Université McGill et de l'Université Concordia pour tout le soutien qu'ils ont apporté lors de la préparation et l'analyse du sondage. Nous n'aurions pas pu le faire sans eux.

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La foire commerciale de l'avenue Westminster approche à grands pas!

Le dimanche 15 septembre, Montréal-Ouest tiendra son festival d'automne lors de la toute première foire commerciale de l'avenue Westminster. Cet événement est le fruit d'une collaboration entre la nouvelle Association des marchands de Montréal-Ouest et le Service des loisirs. Généralement, notre festival d'automne a lieu dans l'un de nos parcs, mais cette année il nous a semblé plus amusant d'organiser une grande fête avec les commerçants qui planifiaient déjà une fête de rue.

Les commerçants auront la chance de présenter leurs produits, dont certains offriront des échantillons et des articles-cadeaux. Il y aura beaucoup d'activités pour toute la famille : des jeux gonflables, un skate park, du maquillage et du bricolage pour les enfants. Il y aura aussi des performances musicales, des tables de massage, des démonstrations d'activités physiques, ainsi qu'une aire de pique-nique et de barbecue pour se détendre.

Nous sommes très heureux de travailler avec les commerçants sur cette foire, car la vitalité de notre rue commerciale est essentielle pour notre petite communauté. Nous

voulons tous pouvoir faire des achats locaux et trouver de tout dans notre quartier. Mais pour assurer la prospérité de notre rue commerçante, nous devons la soutenir.

Il est également important de noter comment nos commerçants locaux contribuent à la communauté de façon plus discrète. Saviez-vous que nos marchands font régulièrement des dons de biens et services à des événements locaux tels que le défilé de la fête du Canada, les paniers d'accueil de la Ville (offerts à tous les nouveaux résidents), le Duathlon, le camp, la piscine et le déjeuner du père Noël? Ils contribuent également aux campagnes de financement des bibliothèques et des écoles, à la Popote roulante et à de nombreux autres organismes à but non lucratif.

La foire commerciale nous donne l'occasion de sortir et de les soutenir - tout en s'amusant!

Au plaisir de vous y voir le 15 septembre de 11h à 17h !

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Montreal West Scout Group



Cubs

The week-long summer camp at the end of July at Lac Lovering Scout Reserve near Magog was a big success. Ten of our MW Cubs joined 38 other Cubs, Scouts and Venturers from groups from all around the Montreal region and beyond. The Cubs and Scouters slept in tents the entire week. The weather was hot and clear with the exception of two brief rainstorms that did nothing to diminish the enthusiasm of the group.

The week started with the entire group tapping into their creativity to make tie-dye T-shirts to be used as our camp uniforms. Daily opening ceremonies consisted of a colourful group surrounding the huge outdoor flagpole. The meals, prepared by Greenfield Park Scouter **Elaine de Ryk** with the assistance of a small group of Cubs, were shared in the dining hall or by the campfire and were thoroughly enjoyed. There was a backwards day featuring pizza for breakfast and eggs for dinner; the Chinese food meal, complete with dumplings made entirely by the Cubs, was a huge success. The Cubs looked forward to the daily canteen at 3 pm for a sweet snack.

The beautiful shallow lake saw a lot of use throughout the week. A daily morning dip was a great way to start the day and a group of swimmers were joined by a family of ducks on the first morning. There were daily free swims, boating periods and fishing was an extremely popular activity. One Cub even caught a sun fish as big as his head.

On two different nights the group even got to watch the International Space Station pass by in the beautiful, clear starlit sky – very special.

The Cub group from Ile Perrot organized a most impressive treasure hunt. Five dif-



Morning dip with a family of ducks

ferent groups were provided a map of the area and a series of ten cryptic clues guided the groups to different locations to get the next clue. By combining a key word from each of the ten clues the Cubs were led to the final treasure chest guarded by the skeleton of a pirate. A small treasure was the reward at the 10th location. Cubs practised their map-reading skills and learned the value of teamwork.

The highlight for the third-year Cubs (Howlers) was an overnight trip led by Scouter **Simon** from Ile Perrot. The Cubs planned what they needed to bring, loaded it into canoes and then floated the canoes over to a nearby wilderness campsite. Two groups of four Cubs put up their own shelters using groundsheets and overhead tarps. Hot chocolate and smores over the campfire

were a treat before bed. We all learned that you can make yourself comfortable in the woods with the right preparation.

This was the first summer camp in collaboration with so many other groups and, as the week progressed, the lines between the various groups dissolved and it became one happy group of campers. I'm sure that all the Cubs and Scouters who attended would agree with me that it was a fabulous camping experience and we are looking forward to future adventures with our new scouting friends.

from Lee-Ann Simpson (Darzee)

Volunteers needed

We are always looking for new leaders, badge testers, group committee members, scarf sewers and resource people to help run our programs at all levels. No need to be a former Scout! You could also help with our community service events such as our annual Food Drive for *The Depot Community Food Centre*, Blood Donor Clinic at St. Phillips Church, Christmas carolling at senior residences and our spring Garden Supply Sale. If you have a special talent, skill or activity to share with the Scouts (ages 5 to 17) call **Bob King** at 481-6523 or **Karen Johnstone** at 717-5696. NB – High school students who need community service credits are most welcome.

Registration 2019/2020

All registration is on line at scouts.ca.

For information about our programs, meeting places and times, check out the MW recreation booklet or call **Karen Johnstone** at 717-5696 or e-mail at karenmansfieldjohnstone@gmail.com.

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Guiding



What have the Girl Guides been up to since the last *Informer* circulated you may ask?

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The Sparks and Brownies held a joint end of year meeting. The older Sparks advanced to Brownies. The Brownies performed an elaborate play they had created, centred around the theme of the Brownie story. The parents and Sparks all enjoyed the performance!

The Guides' final project was to make sure the Brownies who were advancing to Guides this fall felt welcomed. So, they made special cards for each of the Brownies. The Guide's last meeting of the year was jam packed with activities: a lovely advancement ceremony followed by a family pot luck dinner and a sleepover for the girls in the church basement. The next morning, the girls made their own breakfast and then, with limited clues, set about hand delivering the cards to the advancing Brownies who lived close to the United Church. The thoughtful gesture was well received!

New camp location

We held our spring camp at a new location: Batshaw Camp Weredale facility. We opened up the camp to two Guides from the Westmount unit, who joined in on our fun. You may think, they would have been left out of group activities and kept to themselves. Not at all! In the true Guiding spirit, where we are all part of one great big sisterhood, the MoWest girls welcomed the Westmount girls from the moment they met.

It is quite an impressive camp! We all slept in cabins. The kitchen was fully equipped, including a dishwasher! The hiking trails were nice. The view of the lake was spectacular. The bugs, unfortunately, were plentiful! However, for some, it was luxury camping! A few of the highlights of the camp were the cooking of grilled cheese sandwiches in milk cartons; learning new campfire songs; the evening scavenger hunt to find all the planets in our solar system and then to arrange them in the proper order on a ladder they had made earlier in the day. All in all, great memories and friendships were made over that weekend.

Summer Guiding

While regular unit meetings have taken a break for the summer, meetings on a weekly basis continued in our district. This is the third year for Summer Guiding. It gives the Guiders and girls from grade 3 and up a chance to get together with each other out in the Greater Montreal area. We attended the jazz and circus festivals; geocaching in Mount Royal Park; learned about bike safety and how to change a tire at *Right to Move* /



Monklands' Moles in the Metro

la Voie Libre. As well, the girls enjoyed a space-themed meeting which was followed by viewing *Le Voyage dans la Lune* (1902) and *For All Mankind* (1989) at Westmount Park. Members of the *Royal Astronomical Society of Canada* were present with telescopes for the public to have an up close view of the Perseid meteor shower. It was a great way to link the 50th anniversary of the lunar landing with the Perseid meteor shower!

2019-2020 Guiding year

Plans are well under way for the 2019-2020 Guiding year. The leaders have had their creative thinking caps on as we get closer to the new Guiding year.


There is always time to register your daughter to join this amazing organization. Registration takes place on-line at register.girlguides.ca. Our unit meetings for the Sparks, Brownies and Guides will start

the week of September 9 at the MW United Church. Sparks (kindergarten and grade 1 girls) meet Wednesdays, 5:15-6:15 pm. Brownies (grade 2 and 3 girls) meet on Wednesdays, 6:15-7:45 pm. Guides (grades 4, 5, 6 girls) meet Fridays, 5-7 pm. Pathfinders (grades 7, 8, 9 girls) meet in NDG at the Wesley Community Centre Wednesdays, 6:30-8 pm. If your daughter is of Ranger age (grade 10, 18 years of age), their meetings are more flexible.


Be a leader!


If you are interested in being a leader, we have a place for you as well! Call the provincial office at **933-5839**, and they will help to get the ball rolling! If you are still not so sure Guiding is the right girl-centered activity for your daughter, she is free to participate in two meetings to try it out and see what she thinks of it.

from the MoWest Guiders




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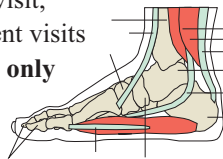
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MADA**Age-friendliness survey results**

In June, the results of our age-friendliness survey were presented by Dr. **Christina Wolfson** of McGill University and Dr. **Shannon Hebblethwaite** and **Nora Lamontagne** of Concordia University. The survey had been distributed to MoWest seniors in the fall of 2018 as part of the *Municipalité Amie des Aînés (MADA)* certification process.

Four hundred twenty-five respondents aged 60 and over completed the questionnaire which was based on the eight principal factors in a municipality's age-friendliness, as determined by the *World Health Organization*. Some of the key findings were

Outdoor spaces and public buildings: The majority (70%) of the respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with these aspects. Some exceptions included sidewalk snow removal, night lighting, the condition of sidewalks and traffic.

Transportation: Of the respondents, 93% reported being able to walk unassisted and 87% use a personal vehicle among other modes of transportation.

Housing: Ninety per cent of respondents own their own home, 76% live in a single family home, 16% live in a duplex. Sixty percent reported no immediate plans to move.

Social participation: MoWest seniors are a very active group, with 82% participating in social activities with family and friends. Twenty-five per cent reported they would like to see more education workshops, walking and fitness classes in the community.

Respect and social inclusion: While 50% of respondents reported that they "never" felt socially isolated, 28% reported "sometimes" and 18% reported "usually" feeling socially isolated. Several suggestions for increasing the sense of inclusion were cited, including incorporating more intergenerational activities.

Civic participation and employment: Respondents were very civic-minded, with 97% reporting that they voted in an election and 63% reported attending a public meeting in the past few years. Almost half (49%) volunteer at least 1-3 hours per week, with 5.5% volunteering 10 hours or more per week.

Communication and information: Of respondents, 89% reported finding out about events and services primarily via *The Informer*. This was followed by "word of mouth" (54%), Town e-bulletin (42%) and the Town website (40%).

Community support and health services: Ninety-six per cent reported being in good to excellent health. While respondents

sometimes required help with various chores such as home repairs and income tax preparation, 67% reported being able to get this help easily.

Bottom line...

Overall, respondents to the survey were healthy, happy and engaged. When asked how they would rate Montreal West as a place for people to live as they age, 35% rated the Town as "excellent" and 54% as "good." Eighty-four per cent responded that it was "important" or "very important" for them to remain in Montreal West as they aged, while a much smaller 64% responded that it was "likely" or "very likely" that they actually would remain here as they aged. The 20% who were "unsure," responded that this was mainly due to the lack of appropriate housing. The "real gems" of the survey, as Dr. Wolfson called them, were the 75 type-written pages of comments. These will provide a rich source of information for the Steering Committee as they embark upon the plan of action in the fall.

The full presentation of the survey results can be found on the Town website. Key points from the round table discussions which followed are in the Council Communiqué section in this issue of *The Informer*.

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Town Council meeting: May, June

by Carol Foster



MAY MEETING

The lack of clear guidance and definitions as well as the unfairness of Bill 21 were pointed out by the Mayor as he opened the May Council meeting. He went on to state that the Town respects secularism in its hiring practices and is reaffirming this support to its employees.

The Town Clerk's Office has issued a declaration reiterating the institutional secularism of the Town of Montreal West and the religious freedom of individuals.

First question period

Questions about the future of the Public Library continued to be raised during this question period. One of the spokespersons for "The Friends of the Library" felt there were still issues to be resolved that deserved public consultation. He asked for a complete review of the governing bylaws as well as a meeting with his group and the full Council.

The Mayor's reply was that there had already been a meeting with the Library's Board and **Councillor Feeney** added that the library building doesn't fall under the Urban Plans' jurisdiction. Furthermore, since "The Friends of the Library" doesn't speak for the Board, it would be confusing to try to deal with both groups.

When the speaker was asked what his agenda was, he replied that it was the library's future, including an investigation of other possibilities for its survival.

Apprehension continues about the possible traffic problems which may result from the need for access in and out of the southern part of the Town due to the new condo project on the site of the old *Motel Raphael*.

The Mayor reiterated his commitment to the constant monitoring of the situation and

to keeping pressure on those responsible to ensure an acceptable outcome for residents of the Town.

Another topic revisited was the number of trucks using Avon as a thoroughfare. A resident living on Brock South stated that police are seldom seen monitoring this situation. He also mentioned that streets in his area are being prevented from being cleaned because of the number of parked cars and asked for an appropriate parking sign to be posted.

Councillors' reports

Chalet rentals for children's parties continue to be popular, according to **Councillor Ulin**, as is the new water feature added to the Davies Park play area. Summer activities are gearing up with the openings of the pool, the skate park and Tuesdays in the Park events. The arena will be the site of the annual Lobstertest and the Town Hall will be the location for the latest Artists' Showcase with the theme of "gender."

Councillor Feeney's first announcement was that 87% of the property taxes have now been paid. The cost of snow removal remained a large item on last month's budget and the Urban Planning Committee has already issued 39 permits. The Age Friendly Survey results have been released and two public consultation sessions have been scheduled to take place in June in the Town Hall.

With the summer season rapidly approaching, Public Works is attending to a long list of tasks. Attention is being paid to parks, trees, catch basins, lawn repairs, street-line painting, and repairs to sidewalks. As a final comment in her report, **Councillor Torres** added that *Canadian Tire* is now accepting hazardous waste items for disposal.

There was no report from **Councillor Mazzone** due to his absence.

Second question period

It was reported by a Westminster South resident that one of the rose bushes planted at the war memorial to commemorate war veterans has died.

The meeting was then adjourned.

JUNE MEETING

The Mayor's annual report on the state of the budget has been prepared in accordance with the Cities and Towns Act and will be available online.

Following this announcement by **Mayor Masella**, the meeting moved on to the first question period.

First question period

The first resident to speak thanked Council for the recent landscaping in front of the Public Library. This comment, made by a member of "The Friends of the Library," was followed by a continuing discussion about the importance of the building itself. He felt that, due to the cultural importance to the Town, this building could be defined as one of the "buildings of interest" in the Town.

The Mayor pointed out that there are already bylaws in effect that define the criteria for such designations and this library building was not one of them. He further explained that there must be a distinction made between the usage and the architectural interest of a building.

The next questioner complained about the illegal dumping she has observed in the Town and she was assured that Public Works would look into this situation. She then went on to recommend that the operators of the Town's grass-cutting machines should be aware that elevating the blades to allow the grass to grow higher results in more sustainable grassed areas.

Once again, the removal of the library building by the proposed development of that area prompted another member of "The Friends of the Library" to inquire about the possibility of obtaining grants to allow for renovations to the building, some of which could make it more accessible for senior members.

At this point, several Council members became adamant in their responses to the issues being raised about the future of the library building. **Councillor Ulin** stated firmly that this library is an independent institution and not, as many other libraries are, a city library. **Councillor Mazzone** added that a library need not exist only in a stand-alone building. The emphasis being placed on this particular building neglects to appreciate that fact. Furthermore, the needs of the Town must be considered as well as the needs of the library.

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The Mayor then emphasized that the Town has always supported the library and will continue to do so.

The Chair of the library's board was the next to speak. She was also very firm in her contribution to this discussion. She stated very clearly that the support of the Town, even though the library is independent, is greatly appreciated. Both entities share a common goal and cooperation is the key.

The Board wants to continue to offer the current, as well as improved, services to the community as approved by the mandate from the Town. In return, Council is asked to ensure that space for the library in any new project will be developed in consultation with the library's delegates. In addition to this, any temporary location agreed upon must be with the assurance of a finite time and end date.

In conclusion, she explained that "The Friends of the Library" is a group distinct from the library's board.

The Mayor appreciated these remarks and stated "We are on the same page." He added that a meeting is expected to be arranged.

Councillors' reports

Councillor Feeney announced that the Town has paid its share of \$2.9 million to the Agglomeration Council. PAC continues to operate at full speed, granting 47 permits in the past month. Regular meetings with the merchants continue and are responsible for the lit garlands across the business area of Westminster, with fenced terraces on the sidewalks to come. A plan of action is being developed following the *MADA* consultations and will go to the government in the spring, and the development of the Seniors' Communiqué on the Town's website is in progress.

All regular summer maintenance is being carried out by Public Works, according to **Councillor Torres**. In addition, the front of the Public Library has been landscaped and the shrubs and weeds along the parking side of the building have been removed and replaced with hardscaping.

Unkempt grass, garbage where it doesn't belong, private basketball nets on public property and a recent dog fight were items in **Councillor Mazzone's** report. (The dog responsible for the fight must now wear a muzzle when on public property.)

Representatives from Public Security, Public Works and the Police Department will meet to discuss the emergency measures plan to continue ensuring safety in the Town.

Councillor Ulin thanked the volunteers who resurrected the Canada Day parade. She announced that the pool will remain open this summer on the weekends of September 7 and 14 due to the increased sum-

mer heat. The Recreation Department is planning a fall festival to be combined with a street fair organized by the Town merchants.

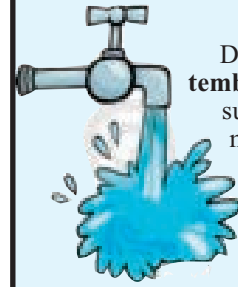
Second question period

While the Public Library dominated the first question period, unhappiness about the method of determining public consultation was expressed during the second. The current issue pertained to representation on the group chosen to participate in consultation sessions concerning the construction of *Hydro-Québec's* "green corridor." Several residents felt left out of the process in spite of the fact that one had asked to be included and the other lived very close to where this corridor would be situated. Questions were asked about how membership in these sessions was selected and why it often seemed that the same group of people were always the ones whose opinions were sought in committees formed by the Town.

Councillor Ulin acknowledged this concern and said that it was an issue that should be looked at by Council.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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Maria Torres, Councillor

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Réunion du Conseil : mai, juin

par Carol Foster
traduction par René Boucher



RÉUNION DE MAI

Le maire a souligné l'absence de direction et de définitions claires ainsi que l'injustice de la Loi 21 à l'ouverture de la réunion de mai du Conseil. Il a poursuivi en déclarant que la Ville respecte la laïcité dans ses pratiques d'embauche et a réaffirmé cet appui à ses employés.

Le bureau du greffier municipal a émis une déclaration réitérant la laïcité de la Ville de Montréal-Ouest et la liberté de religion des individus.

Première période de questions

Des questions portant sur l'avenir de la bibliothèque publique ont à nouveau été soulevées pendant la période de questions. Un des porte-parole des « Amis de la bibliothèque » estimait que des questions demeurent qui méritent que le peuple se prononce. Il a demandé une révision complète des règles de gouvernance de même qu'une rencontre entre son groupe et le Conseil.

Le maire a répondu qu'il y avait déjà eu une réunion avec le conseil d'administration de la bibliothèque et la **conseillère Feeney** ajouta que l'édifice de la bibliothèque n'est pas du ressort de Plan d'urbanisme. De plus, comme les « Amis de la bibliothèque » ne parlent pas au nom du conseil de la bibliothèque, discuter avec les deux groupes porterait à confusion.

Quand on demanda à l'intervenant quel était son programme, il répliqua que c'était l'avenir de la bibliothèque, incluant une analyse d'autres possibilités pour sa survie.

Les appréhensions persistent concernant les problèmes de circulation qui pourraient résulter du besoin d'accès à la partie sud de la ville causés par la construction de condos à l'emplacement de l'ancien *Motel Raphael*.

Le maire a réaffirmé son engagement à continuer à surveiller la situation et à maintenir la pression sur les responsables pour assurer une issue acceptable pour les citoyens de la ville.

Le nombre de camions qui utilise Avon a de nouveau refait surface. Un résident de Brock Sud a déclaré rarement voir les policiers qui devraient surveiller cette situation. Il a aussi mentionné que les nombreuses voitures en stationnement empêchent le nettoyage des rues de ce secteur et a demandé que des affiches appropriées soient installées.

Selon la **conseillère Ulin**, la popularité de la location du chalet du parc Davies pour des fêtes d'enfants se maintient, tout comme celle des jeux d'eau au terrain de jeux. Les activités estivales se préparent avec l'ouverture prochaine de la piscine et

du planchodrome et le début des Mardis au parc. Le Festin de homards annuel aura lieu à l'aréna et la Vitrine artistique Art et genre se déroulera à l'hôtel de ville.

La **conseillère Feeney** a commencé en annonçant que 87 pour cent des impôts fonciers avaient été payés. L'enlèvement de la neige représentait encore un des gros articles du budget du mois précédent et le Comité consultatif d'urbanisme a déjà délivré 39 permis. Les résultats du sondage sur la convivialité envers les aînés sont connus et deux séances de consultation publique sont prévues pour juin à l'hôtel de ville.

À l'approche de l'été, les Travaux publics s'affairent à une longue liste de tâches. Parcs, arbres, puisards, réparations de pelouses, traçage de lignes sur la chaussée et réparation de trottoirs sont l'objet d'attention. En conclusion de son rapport, la **conseillère Torres** ajouta que Canadian Tire accepte maintenant des déchets dangereux dont on veut se défaire.

Il n'y avait pas de rapport du **conseiller Mazzone**, vu son absence.

Seconde période de questions

Une résidente de Westminster Sud a rapporté la mort de l'un des rosiers plantés au cénotaphe pour commémorer les vétérans.

Sur ce, la séance était levée.

RÉUNION DE JUIN

Le rapport annuel du maire sur l'état du budget a été préparé conformément à la Loi sur les cités et villes et sera disponible en ligne.

Après cette annonce du **maire Masella**, on passa à la première période de questions.

Première période de questions

Le premier citoyen à prendre la parole remercia le Conseil pour l'aménagement récent à l'avant de la bibliothèque publique. Ce commentaire d'un membre des « Amis de la bibliothèque » fut suivi d'une discussion sur l'importance de l'édifice même. Selon lui, en raison de son importance culturelle pour la ville, la bâtisse pourrait être définie comme un des « édifices d'intérêt » de la ville.

Le maire a fait remarquer que des règlements en vigueur définissent déjà les critères pour cette désignation et que l'édifice de la bibliothèque ne se qualifie pas. Il a poursuivi en expliquant qu'il y a une distinction à faire entre l'intérêt architectural d'un bâtiment et son utilisation.

L'intervenante suivante s'est plainte des déversements d'ordures illégaux qu'elle a observés dans la ville; on l'a assurée que les Travaux publics enquêteraient sur cette situation. Elle a poursuivi en recommandant

que les opérateurs des tondeuses de la Ville devraient régler les lames à une position plus élevée pour permettre à l'herbe de pousser plus longue, résultant en des zones gazonnées plus durables.

Encore une fois, la disparition du bâtiment de la bibliothèque par la proposition de lotissement de ce terrain a amené une autre adhérente aux « Amis de la bibliothèque » à s'enquérir de la possibilité d'obtenir des subventions permettant de rénover l'édifice pour, entre autres, le rendre plus accessible aux aînés.

Les réponses de plusieurs membres du Conseil aux questions soulevées quant à l'avenir de cet édifice sont alors devenues catégoriques. La **conseillère Ulin** a affirmé que la bibliothèque est une institution indépendante et non une bibliothèque municipale comme c'est le cas pour plusieurs autres. Le **conseiller Mazzone** a ajouté qu'une bibliothèque n'est pas forcément dans un bâtiment autonome et l'insistance placée sur cette bâtisse en particulier fait abstraction de ce fait. De plus, on doit tenir compte des besoins de la Ville autant que de ceux de la bibliothèque.

Le maire a ensuite maintenu que la Ville a toujours soutenu la bibliothèque et continuera à le faire.



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Réunion du Conseil : mai, juin

La présidente du conseil de la bibliothèque a ensuite pris la parole et sa contribution à la discussion se voulait aussi très ferme.

Elle a indiqué très clairement que, malgré l'indépendance de la bibliothèque, elle apprécie grandement l'appui de la Ville. Les deux institutions partagent un même objectif et la collaboration est la clé.

Le conseil de la bibliothèque souhaite continuer à offrir les services actuels à la communauté, et à les bonifier, tel qu'approuvé par le mandat confié par la Ville. En retour, il demande au conseil municipal l'assurance que l'espace réservé à la bibliothèque dans tout nouveau projet soit élaboré en consultation avec ses représentants. De plus, tout emplacement temporaire sera accepté avec l'assurance d'une durée limitée et une date cible de fin.

En conclusion, elle a expliqué que les « Amis de la bibliothèque » est un groupe distinct du conseil de la bibliothèque.

Le maire s'est dit sensible à ces précisions et a déclaré « Nous sommes sur la même longueur d'onde ». Il ajouta qu'il s'attend à une rencontre prochainement.

Rapports des conseillers

La **conseillère Feeney** a annoncé que la Ville avait payé sa part de 2,9 M\$ au conseil de l'agglomération. Le CCU continue sur sa lancée à pleine vitesse, ayant accordé 47 permis le mois dernier. Les rencontres avec les commerçants se poursuivent et ont amené les guirlandes lumineuses dans la partie commerciale de Westminster; des terrasses clôturées sur les trottoirs s'en viennent. Un plan d'action est en préparation par suite des consultations *MADA*, lequel sera transmis au gouvernement au printemps, et la mise au point du Communiqué des aînés du site Web de la Ville est en cours.

Selon la **conseillère Torres**, les Travaux publics s'occupent de l'entretien estival normal. De plus, l'avant de la bibliothèque publique a été aménagé, on a enlevé les buissons et mauvaises herbes le long de la bâtisse du côté du stationnement et des matériaux inertes les ont remplacés.

Des gazons mal entretenus, des ordures où elles ne devraient pas se trouver, des paniers de basketball privés sur la propriété publique et une bataille entre chiens se retrouvaient dans le rapport du **conseiller Mazzone**. (Le chien instigateur du combat doit dorénavant porter une muselière lorsqu'en terrain public.)

La Sécurité publique, les Travaux publics et le Service de police se rencontreront pour discuter du plan de mesures d'urgence afin de continuer à assurer la sécurité dans la ville.

La **conseillère Ulin** a remercié les bénévoles qui ont ressuscité le défilé de la

fête du Canada. Elle a annoncé que cet été, la piscine demeurera ouverte les fins de semaine des 7 et 14 septembre en raison de la chaleur qui devrait perdurer. Les Loisirs planifient un festival d'automne qui s'ajoutera à une foire de rue organisée par les commerçants de la ville.

Seconde période de questions

Alors que la bibliothèque publique avait dominé la première période de questions, le mécontentement quant aux consultations publiques a accaparé la deuxième. Le problème du moment portait sur la représentativité du groupe choisi pour participer aux séances de consultation sur la construction du « corridor vert » d'*Hydro-Québec*. Plusieurs résidentes se sentaient écartées du processus, même si l'une d'elles avait demandé spécifiquement à être incluse et une autre demeurait très près de là où ce corridor serait situé. Des questions furent posées sur la sélection des participants à ces séances et pourquoi il semblait que l'on demandait toujours l'opinion du même groupe de personnes au sein de ces comités formés par la Ville.

La conseillère Ulin a reconnu cette préoccupation et indiqué que le Conseil devrait se pencher sur la question.

La réunion était ensuite levée.

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Maria Torres, Councillor,
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News from the pews

St. Philip's

Welcome back to everyone who has been travelling this summer. While things were slow, we took the opportunity to rejuvenate the choir room, both for the use of St. Philip's and New Life's choirs and for community use.

The choir will be back from their summer holiday Sunday, September 15, at 10 am.

On the church lawn, you may have noticed some activity in August. We are working with *Incredible Edibles* (part of *Transition NDG*) and the Food and Sustainability class of the Sociology/Anthropology department at Concordia University to create a community garden! We hope to have the first phase constructed and planted in time for a fall crop of lettuce and spinach, and maybe a few other vegetables. We are applying for grant money to build phase two next year. If you are out walking about, stop by and check it out, and help yourself to anything that is ripe – the garden is for all our neighbours to share! We are also looking for community volunteers to help plant and maintain the garden, both in the fall and for next year.

For more information, please call the church office at 481-4871, or email us at office@stphilipschurchmontreal.ca. If you would like to support the garden, but cannot volunteer, donations can be made at canadahelps.org/en/dn/42416. No one is authorized to collect cash donations for St. Philip's or the garden.

Finally, you may have heard in the news over the summer that the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada narrowly rejected an amendment to its canon law expressly making marriage in the church open to all legally qualified couples. St. Philip's takes pride in the diversity of our membership and voted overwhelmingly in favour of marriage equality two years ago. Our bishop is allowing same-sex marriage to take place in the Dioceses of Montreal, and St. Philip's welcomes all!

St. Ignatius of Loyola

Alpha Six begins Monday, September 23!

At St. Ignatius of Loyola Church, we know a good thing when we find it. This fall we begin another season of Alpha, open to anyone who has big questions about life. Alpha at St. Ignatius is not so much a course, but an experience! Over the past three years, more than 200 people have been touched by our Alpha offerings. Our doors are open to all in the neighborhood and beyond. Registration is open now.

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Simmering summer away

Hope you have found comfort during our long, hot summer; enjoyed a change of pace and are able to look forward with interest to the coming season – because it is on the doorstep.

August rest continues

Our staff continues their vacation until after Labour Day. **Barbara Holman** re-opens the church office September 3 and worship resumes Sunday, September 8. Rev. **Mark Hammond** will be in the pulpit, **Robert Sigmund** will be at the organ and conducting the volunteer portion of our choir.

Sunday school begins

The Sunday school re-opens on September 15 under the auspices of **Merrie Hammond** who takes the reins from **Brenda Murray**. Merrie has managed Sunday schools in other churches even before Rev. Mark was called to the ministry. As the mother of four, she is both interested in and able to relate to young people. Add to that her warmth and willingness and we are looking forward to her leadership as Christian Education Coordinator. Considering our Sunday school peaks at 30-some children on a good day, this is a significant part of life here at MWUC.

Children arrive and sit with their parents as worship begins at 10 am. Following children's time with the Minister, they go off to Sunday school with their teachers and meet with their families during the refreshments after the service. The west transept of the church has been altered to allow children a bit more freedom to move around and to accommodate infants. Come check it out.

Labyrinth Walking resumes

Our first Labyrinth Walk of the season may be Sunday, September 29 between 2 and 4 pm. This time will be confirmed in the next *Informer*. We plan to continue to offer these individual walking meditation opportunities each month, alternating between Sunday afternoons and Tuesday evenings. Held in Wadsworth Hall, we use candles and gentle music to create a peaceful atmosphere. Socks or slippers required, but no charge. Open to all, including first-time walkers.

Join us any Sunday at 10 am. We are "the brick one" at 88 Ballantyne N., call us at 482-3210 or visit us at mwuc.org.

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Community Centre

Fall programs

Check our website: montreal-west.ca or facebook page: [facebook.com/montrealwest.ca](https://www.facebook.com/montrealwest.ca). Registration is now online for all Town programs on amilia.com starting August 26. **Early bird discounts end Monday, September 2;** programs start September 9.

Bilingual Discovery

2 to 4 years old

Monday to Friday, 9 am to 12 pm

Children will experience a fun and playful atmosphere with exciting and educational activities including arts and crafts, story time, drama play, library visit and much more.

Small class sizes provide a more interactive and personalized service focusing on socializing, learning problem solving and gross motor skills. Optional 2, 3 or 5 days available, for more information please contact the John A. Simms Community Centre **484-6186**.

More activities

There are a few new adult programs offered.

New this year is **Zumba Strong** with **Florina** on Sundays at 10:15 am. Join Florina in this high-intensity workout led by music. Feel every beat. Sync every move. Work every muscle.

Boot Camp will be held on Monday and Thursday evening at Edinburgh School and **Line Dancing** will be held on Wednesdays at 7 pm.

All your favorite instructors are back to keep you active and in shape throughout the year.

Parent and Tot programs

- **Parent and Tots Exercise**, Wednesdays, 10:30 am

NEW: SUNDAYS

- **Baby Boogie** (6 to 18 months)
- **Parent & Tot Zumba** (1 year +)
- **Music and Movement** (18 to 36 months) by the *Music Hive*

Youth programs

- **Hip Hop**: 5-6 years, Wednesday, 5:30 pm; 7-8 years Wednesday 6:15 pm
 - **Captain Catalyst** science fun and brain challenges, Sundays, 10-11:30 am
 - **Ballet and Pre-Ballet**, 3 to 9 years
 - **Red Cross babysitting** course: October 5
- NEW
- **MANGA drawing**: Fridays, 4:30 pm, 12 years +

Birthday parties

Celebrate your child's next birthday party with us.

Three-hour block Saturday or Sunday; themes: super hero, animals, unicorns, Nature, Moana and more. An animator will provide an hour of activities. Your choice of crafts, beading, games, face painting, etc.

Please call the Community Centre for more info at **484-6186**.

Special Events

THANK YOU to all the participants, staff and volunteers for making our summer events a success!



Canada Day

Canada Day was a huge success due to all the wonderful volunteers and with the help of Mother Nature. The Community Services would like to thank the BBQ volunteers led this year by **Barbara Brzezinski**, parade organizers **Tanya Radhakrishna**, **Julian Hung**, **Karen Laham** and **Christine Downey**. Ticket booth volunteers **Mary**, **Marla**, **Pauline Ducharme**, **Karen** and **Rusty**. Drink tent led by **Mike** and **Kristof Senderak**, **Phil Bergeron**, **Sam Ducharme** and **Mary Tofts**. To all the residents and friends for coming to celebrate with us. Thank you to *Heritage Canada*, *Rotary Club of Montreal West and NDG* and the local merchants for their contributions in making the event a great success.

Kids Duathlon

The 2nd annual Kids Duathlon was held on Saturday, July 6 and was once again a great success. This event would not have happened if it were not for the dynamic duo of **Courtney Prieur** and **Vanessa Conrad**. They were able to gather 25 volunteers to help set and clean up, BBQ and plan wading pool activities. Their work and dedication to community involvement is fantastic. Next year hopefully the parents will have a chance to participate in their own duathlon during the morning as well. Great job to all!

Fall Street Festival



Join us on Sunday, September 15, 11 am-5 pm for the Fall Street Festival. This year the Recreation Department will combine the annual fall festival with the Merchants' Street Fair.

There will be a variety of activities for all to enjoy.

Live in entertainment by **Ramon Chicharron** at 12:30, music by **Carl Miller** and his band *Roadside Assistance* at 2:45, fitness demonstrations, skate park, inflatables, face painting, food, face painting, fire simulator and arts and crafts and much more all day long. Come on by and participate in the different activities or just to see what our local merchants have to offer.



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COMING EVENTS

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AUG

- Mon 26 Town Council meeting.** Town Hall. 8 pm.
Tue 27 Documentary under the Stars. *Anote's Ark*, Cinéma sous les étoiles de *Funambules Médias*. Bring your chairs. Davies Park. 8 pm.
Sat 31 Open house, Gracie Barra Montreal, 14C, Westminster. Workshops: 7 years and under (10-11 am), 8 years and over (11 am-noon), women's self-defense workshop for all ages (noon-1 pm). Introduction to Brazilian jiu-jitsu workshop for adults (1-2 pm). Information: gbmontrealouest.ca.

SEP

- Mon 2 Membership Drive for the Public Library.** Continues to September 30.
Tue 10 IODE meeting. Community Centre. 2 pm.
Thu 12 RBC MoWest Charity Golf Tournament. See info this page.
Sun 15 Terry Fox Run. Strathearn Park. 11am-3 pm.
Fall Street Festival. The Recreation Department will combine the annual Fall Festival with the Merchants' Street Fair. There will be a variety of activities for all to enjoy. 11 am-5 pm.
Mon 16 Tea and Books: with Joan Foster and Mary Bianchini. Public Library. 2 pm.
MW Horticultural meeting. \$5 admission for non-members. Town Hall. 7:30 pm.
Thu 19 Coffee with the Mayor. Community Centre. 7:30-8:30 am.
Mon 23 Deadline for water meter readings – New! Submit your reading online : montreal-west.ca/water-tax / Échéance pour la lecture des compteurs d'eau – Nouveau! Faites-le en ligne : montreal-west.ca/taxe-eau
Mo West Talks with Scott Macleod and his film *First Contact*. Public Library. 7 pm.
Town Council meeting. Town Hall. 8 pm.

Canada Day BBQ volunteers



Photo: Alex Brzezinski

Standing: Bipin Desai, David Doubt, Henry and Connie van den Hoogen, Peggy Garland, Susan Pahl, Sophia Souranis, Sue Smith, Aynsley Devine, Rosalind Knitter, Joyce Teiber, Cath Gardner, Becky Dolan, Judy Kennedy, Joan Robins, Ron Smith, Bev Kerr, Beny Masella, Bob Cairns, Jeremy Gilbert-Green, Lynn Cairns, John Lepine, Kathy Machnik. Kneeling: Zsolt Kekesi, Catherine Doyle, Pat Gardner, Rudiger Pahl, John Buszard, Peter Kerr, Harold Weinstock, Tony Teiber, John Buckles, Don Buchan, Jay Garland, Wayne Feeny. Sitting: Barbara Brzezinski

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7th annual

RBC MoWest Charity Golf Tournament

Mark Thursday afternoon, September 12 at the Caughnawaga Golf Course in your agenda. It will be a 1 pm shotgun start followed by dinner, a silent auction and prizes. All levels of players are welcome for a fun afternoon with friends and neighbours as we raise funds for several local charitable organizations as well as our local elementary schools. For information, please contact **Sam McCoubrey** at smccoubrey@genfoot.com or **John Drummond** at drdrummond@montrealwestdentistry.com
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