

Sarah Brunel: Learning by conjugating

by Maurice Krystal

I remember conjugating French verbs in school in the 50s, with hours of memorization, the wooden yardstick, and the panic of making a mistake in front of the whole class. I thought back then that this was no way to learn a language. There was the present: *je vais... ils/elles vont*. And then there was the future: *j'irai*, etc., and the tense no one seemed to use, the imparfait: *j'allais*. Finally there were those irregular verbs that had rules all of their own. Just recalling those days sends a shiver down my spine.

It came as a surprise interviewing **Sarah Brunel** on Zoom that conjugation could actually be fun. Sarah has recently started a series of children's books aimed at learning French through conjugations. The collection is entitled *Mon tout premier conju-*



gueur (My Very First Conjugation Book) and is aimed at 2- to 5-year-olds.

Sarah and her software engineer husband, **Andrew**, settled in MoWest four years ago. They were living in the Atwater Market area, when they decided to make the

move with their toddler daughter. Andrew knew the Town as he grew up here. It seemed a good place to raise a child.

Sarah has a bachelor's in French translation from Concordia University. During the

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Gutsy Walk

Hello, my name is **Carl Miller** I am a lifelong resident of Montreal West. I, like 270 000 Canadians suffer from Inflammatory Bowel Disease. In fact, Canada has the highest incidence of IBD in the world. The prevalence of this disorder is rising significantly in children.

It is my privilege to serve as Montreal's honorary chair for

Gutsy Walk 2021. Here is my story, and why I chose to get involved with *Crohn's and Colitis Canada*. By sharing my personal experience, I am hoping to raise awareness of this disorder and all those suffering in silence.

In 2016, no one would have believed I was going on 14

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Sarah Brunel

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final year of her degree, she was independently hired to teach French to out-of-province students at *Roslyn Elementary*. After graduation, she held senior translation positions at *Giant Tiger Stores* and *Walmart Canada*. In 2014, she launched her own translation business. While working as a freelancer, Sarah landed a contract working as a French teacher and then a substitute teacher at *Royal West Academy*. Her translation business was good and her client base increased. Then the pandemic hit last March and many of her clients suffered. Her customer base dwindled.

Sarah's whole family are big readers. Her daughters, **Zoé** (5) and **Ruby** (3), love to curl up with their mother in a beanbag chair as she reads to them for at least an hour every day. She decided to try and create her own children's book. It was entitled, *AIMER le plein air* (Love the Great Outdoors), and focused on the verb *aimer*. The story is on the theme of loving nature and she added clip art from the

internet. Even though there were many other children's books available at home, they kept asking for makeshift creations bound by a ribbon. Soon they knew every page by heart and they enjoyed telling her the narrative.

Sarah is enrolled in a Master's program in Educational Sciences at Université du Québec à Montréal and is working on a degree in teaching French as a second language. She is aware that learning a language through verbs is important, as it is the foundation of all actions and feelings. In the past one memorized by constant repetition, but today the use of illustrations and story telling helps in the memory process.

Sarah decided to turn her vision into action and hired an illustrator, graphic designer and editor. She also found an ethically-run printing facility based in China. Her kids and neighbouring children helped in the creative process. She now sells her self-published work via her online store. For those who don't shop online, a few copies are available at MoWest's *Bonders* and *Saga* in NDG.

So far, the responses to her

first book are very positive:

"We received your first book for Christmas and it's so lovely. It's such a great way to teach children the basics, and the subject matter and illustrations are fabulous!" – Alex Ruaux in NDG.

"The book is great for young children learning French for the first time, and it's a great resource that I use in my tutoring sessions." – Racheal Ariwei in Toronto.

Her books sell for \$9. Her second publication *ÊTRE travailleur essentiel* (TO BE an Essential Worker) which features the verb *être*, was released this past spring. The characters in the book are based on real people.

All artwork is purposely done by female illustrators and all characters represent a variety of different nationalities. Sarah's father was from France and her mother is from India. Her husband has Greek, English and Russian heritage.

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Mailbox



Congratulations to **Maurice Krystal** for a stimulating front-page article. We citizens of Montreal West must truly ask ourselves – and members of our Town Council – how we can implement the results of our recent survey on ageing. Do we want parcels of land that come up for development or re-development to be slated for that long-awaited seniors' residence or for luxury apartments?

from Ellen Moore



Hi *Informer* friends,

I wish I'd found this in time for the April issue, but it might still give people a chuckle any time... especially given the continuing saga of the Arena!

This was our April Fool cover in '83... tried to pick on recognisable local figures – the Green Onion as we used to call the poor Security guy. **Dave** at the defunct gas station and **Pat Mann** of course. The box inset had a go at the politicians of the time... great fun.

I enjoyed my time as Editor and still devour *The Informer* from cover to cover. Just miss those little pieces of whimsy that different people contributed... especially from **Fran Phelan** (*Formerly yours*)... hint, hint!

Keep up the good work.

Ellen Cardarelli



The *Informer* team always looks forward to your letters. Whether it's family celebrations, feedback or just new ideas – we'll be happy to hear from you!

Pollinator planting: Clovers!

It's that time of year again when we all look at our lawns and notice how they've changed over the winter months. One might dwell on the barer patches or swaths of mud, but have no fear, because clovers are here! White clovers (also known as Dutch clovers) are a great addition to a regular grass lawn. They are drought



resistant, soft on the feet and don't require fertilizers or pesticides – they out-compete weeds! Adding some clover seeds to your lawn this spring might be just what it needs to flourish all summer long. The EAC (Environmental Action Committee) supports the planting of clover lawns, as they also require less water and attract pollinators, making our urban environment more sustainable and biodiverse.

An update on our bat house project



The EAC has given away three bat houses to MoWest residents. If you decide to purchase or build a bat house for your yard, it's important to remember that finding the right spot for it is key.

Where to put the bat house

They must be put in an area that gets lots of sunlight (ideally, 8 to 10 hours a day). The best option is therefore to put the bat house where there is little to no shade.

To take flight, bats usually need to free-fall several feet when leaving the house to feed at night. Mount the bat house at least 12 feet off the ground; the higher the better to be safe from predators.

Bats need an open area around the entrance to give

them room to swoop in and out of the house. Make sure there are at least 15-20 feet of clearance in front of the house. Keep that in mind when thinking of housing our little flying friends.

Pollinator gardens

The EAC has presented a proposal for planting pollinator gardens on Town land to Council. We are happy to announce that we have been given the green light to move forward. There is much work still to do but we will keep you in the loop!

Make sure to check out our new Facebook page, where we'll be posting about our projects and other environment-related content. You can find it at "Montreal West Environmental Action Committee" on Facebook.

*from Tristen Clarke-Cousineau
on behalf of the EAC*

in memoriam

Harry Leonard Goldsmith

May 11, 1928 - March 10, 2021

Ed note: In 1973, Harry was a member of the group which accepted the responsibility to produce the original *The Informer*, then called The Citizens' Views paper.

We announce the peaceful passing of our beloved father and grandfather **Harry Goldsmith**.

He was born into an accomplished family in Nuremberg in 1928. They fled the Nazis in 1938 and built a new life in the UK. Harry read Chemistry at Oxford and later worked for ICI in Manchester. He moved to take a teaching post at the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario, where he later met and married **Valerie**. They established their married life and began a family in Montreal West, and Harry started his PhD at McGill University. During his long and distinguished career at McGill he was a medical researcher, professor, and mentor to many and established lifelong friendships with colleagues all over the world.

He was a great storyteller and shared his love of music good food and travel with his family. He was kind and generous to all he met – and we all remember the cakes baked on just about any occasion! We know he's at peace now and he's being remembered by each of you in your own way

A service will take place in



Montreal and his family can all be together.

*from Anne Kelly and Claire
Goldsmith and families*

We have such good memories of our two families living life in harmony across the street from each other for all those meaningful years on Wolseley. Visions of your Dad doing his gardening chores in his white starched shirt which our mutual families have often referred to with a friendly wink.

My memories of exchanging tête à tête tea times with Valerie also come to mind.

Please accept our family's sympathies upon his death.

from Lise McVey

Gutsy Walk

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years old due to my low weight and height. One clue to my appearance arose when I began to experience frequent digestive problems and intense stomach aches. I was officially diagnosed with severe Crohn's disease halfway into the 8th grade.

While the diagnosis was somewhat expected, that did not make it any less devastating. As my physical health began to deteriorate so did my mental health. I felt like a complete outsider. I knew that other kids my age were not getting colonoscopies

or weekly iron infusions. I carried around my illness like an embarrassment and refused to tell even my closest of friends.

With the help of my family and a handful of doctors, I was finally prescribed the right dosage of medication and informed of the lifestyle changes I would have to make to pave the way to my recovery. I am proud to say I have been in remission for the past four years.

As my situation normalized, I began to reflect on the worst of times and ultimately realized how much of a difference it would have made if I had spoken with others who dealt with similar difficulties. I joined the Gutsy Walk committee in 2020 and had the

opportunity to work with many other individuals who shared experiences like mine. I no longer feel shame about my illness and am much more open with the topic.

I believe that the Gutsy Walk is a great way to raise awareness for the illness as well as to create a sense of community for those who suffer from IBD. This year the event will be held June 6 and will take place virtually via Facebook livestream. If you would like any more information about the event or would like to donate to my team, feel free to visit: crohnsandcolitiscanada.akaraisin.com/ui/GutsyWalk2021/t/crohnespt2.

from Carl Miller



Elizabeth Hillman Waterston is Professor Emeritus of the English department of the University of Guelph and the author of some 20 books. She recently sent me the following letter which describes her childhood memories of life at 157 Ballantyne Avenue North, in the house built by her father, Lt.-Col. Daniel Hillman. Elizabeth celebrated her 99th birthday in April, 2021.

Harold Rosenberg

Once around the block on Ballantyne North

by Elizabeth Hillman Waterston

In 1921, my father, **Dan Hillman**, strolled up Ballantyne Avenue North, from the corner of Nelson to Curzon. After long years overseas during World War I, he could buy land and build a house (157 Ballantyne N.) for himself, his wife **Bertha** and his expected first child – me.

157 Ballantyne N.



Sixty years later, my elderly mother and I spent teatimes together, taking imaginary walks around that block in Montreal West. “**The Poiriers** lived next door at 151,” she says. “Mr. Poirier was an editor or a lawyer who died quite young. So, it was Madame Poirier and an old grandmother who remained, a grown-up daughter **Gladys** and little **Lillian**. And of course, **Conrad**.” Conrad charged us little kids two cents for a movie show in his attic on Saturdays: Charlie Chaplin and a scary one about train robbers.

Next to Poiriers’ house, a garden ran back to the **Harris**’s house at 148 Brock Avenue. Mother asks, “Didn’t **Ruth Harris** eventually marry **John Keys**, a boy across from them, at 201 Brock?” Neither of us knew for sure, but we both remembered

John’s father, Professor **David Keys**, later head of nuclear research at Chalk River.

The **Macrae** house (143 Ballantyne N.) came next after the Harris’s garden. Mother vaguely remembers the Macrae’s son **Norman** and vividly remembers their dog – “a big, rough-headed, brown Irish terrier.” We slipped along to the **Matthesons** (139 Ballantyne N.). A big house, dark: a deep verandah across the front. Mr. Mattheson was a chemist, “quite famous,” and his wife was a **McIntosh**. Their children were **Betty** and **Wally**.... “No dog.”

The **Fields family** next door (135 Ballantyne N.) had two boys and an older girl, **Mary** (or Margaret?) “Their father was a friend of your Dad’s.”

And then: the **Hendershotts**. (127 Ballantyne N.) “They were American. And rich. Their house was a pretty one, a new bungalow rather than a tall square brick, like the rest of Ballantyne. It sat up on a terrace and had lattice windows and a curved path to the door.” Mother pauses; adds, “When he was little, your brother **Don** used to fight with **Charlie Hendershott**.”

127 Ballantyne



My mother’s particular friend, **Dorothy Morris**, (125 Ballantyne N.) lived next to



Daniel and Elizabeth Hillman

the bungalow. Her husband was a Captain in the War. “Most of the Montreal West men were ex-service.” In early days, Mum and Mrs. Morris wheeled their baby carriages (our Don and little **George Morris**) around the block. Later, they took turns having little tea-parties, treats for me and **Mary Morris**, exactly my age.

Jean Macfarlane and her little children lived next door (121 Ballantyne N.) to the Morris. “Such a beautiful young woman,” mother says; “Her husband had died, very young. But Jean’s own family, **the Fyfes**, lived farther along at 312 Ballantyne, beyond Nelson, and they helped with the children.”

The next pretty house (117 Ballantyne N.) and garden belonged to **the Mays, Stanley and Helen**. “They were very English. Their relative was a British diplomat in Gibraltar. No children – but always kind to children at Hallowe’en.” They had a stubborn Scotty dog named Roger. We both remember Major May marching along the sidewalk calling “Ro-JAH! Come he-ah, Ro-JAH!”

That was as far up the block as I was allowed to go as a pre-schooler. Of course, my father walked every day up Ballantyne and on to the **CPR** station, catching the train to his downtown office, like most of the Montreal West men.

IODE

Exemplifying the mission of IODE

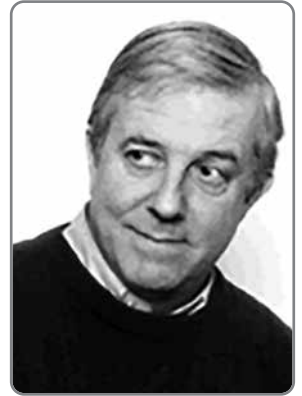


At the age of 9, while attending Grade 3 on-line all year, **Domenica Hébert** has found time to make pretty birthday cards (with a little help from her mother **Nina** who is a member of HMS Victory chapter) for *Saint Andrew Residential Centre*. The cards are delivered monthly by **Heather Ferguson**, and are very well received. Domenica is already exemplifying the mission of *IODE*, which is to give a little extra help to others.

At the April 11 Annual Meeting, **Giuliana Pendenza** became the President, **Moirra Bettinville** the Vice-President and Treasurer, **Janet King** the Secretary and Services Officer. Communications, Membership and Archives are shared roles, but we would like to have more women interested in helping with all our projects Please contact any of us for more information.



Rotary



Vincenzo Pietropaolo (left) and Mark Frutkin (right)

Vincenzo Pietropaolo and Mark Frutkin: An Evocation of the Italian Piazza



Vincenzo Pietropaolo and **Mark Frutkin** presented their book *Where Angels Come to Earth: An Evocation of the Italian Piazza*. The book is an unprecedented visual and poetic journey that allows readers to appreciate the Italian piazza like no other book in the English language. With a combination of artistic documentary photographs and lyrical texts, it reveals both the grit and beauty of daily life in Italian piazzas. The authors have focused on many of Italy's piazzas – both North and South – still used by local residents as community gathering spaces. The book is also a guide to tourists in search of diverse Italian destinations, as well as a memento of cities visited.

The book is a celebration of Italy and of the richness and diversity of Italian culture, paying tribute to the Italian worldview as reflected in the humanity and social integrity of the Italian piazza. *Where Angels Come to Earth* combines the artistic vision of two acclaimed Canadian creative professionals, photographer Vincenzo Pietropaolo and author Mark Frutkin. Their combined creative voices present a poetic and thought-provoking look at Italian community life. The 160-page book with 120 photos both colour and black and white showcasing over 40 Italian piazzas was published by Longbridge Books in 2020.

Vincenzo said the piazza is a public square around which towns are designed and he thinks it is a brilliant way of organizing cities as all the streets lead in and out of the piazza. It is where you find the true heartbeat of the neighborhood. It is a democratic place because it is owned by no one and yet it is owned by everyone, where no

one can be denied access and all can gather. Children can play and people can stroll around surrounded by grand architecture. It is the place where you go to meet your friends and to shop at any number of markets. You can have a business meeting or just gather for a social celebration. The piazza is the gathering place that embodies the ancient traditions of the public square intersecting with the private sphere by providing a setting where ideas can be freely discussed and debated. It helps ferment the ideas of individuals into the ideas of the collected community. Where else would the angels choose to land.

Mark introduced himself as the Mark who wrote the texts to go along with the photos. There were many other photos ranging from donkey races, violin makers, a bell ringer and the Stromboli volcano. Mark's commentary to the photographs were very thought provoking and made you concentrate on the photos even more and introduced you to things in the photos that you would have never noticed. He brought the photos to life. The photos provided a wonderful tour of Italy. To purchase this beautiful book, go to accenti.ca/products/angels.

Join us!

The *Rotary Club of Montreal West and NDG* is always looking to embrace new members. If you are someone who wants to give back to your community, city, country or the world, *Rotary* is an excellent way. *Rotary* provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards and helps build goodwill and peace. There are 1.2 million Rotarians across the globe.

from Doug Yeats

Elizabeth Ballantyne School

House assembly

A virtual house assembly was held on Wednesday, March 31, to present the core value of "perseverance". The introduction began with a skit, performed by grade 2 students (**Skye and Khushali**) and grade 3 students (**Henry and Elianna**), about the word perseverance.

Students were "Zoom-visited" by **Kenny Pereira** – two-time Olympian, four-time Commonwealth Games competitor and member of Team Canada Men's Field Hockey for over 25 years. Kenny spoke to the students about setting a goal and working towards it despite any obstacles that may get in their way. He stressed the importance of hard work and the thrill of finally attaining the goal you set out to achieve. He answered students' questions and encouraged them to start working towards their goals right now, no matter how big or small they may be.

The students were then challenged in their classes to come up with personal goals, and a house team goal to work towards this month. Each child then created a pennant stating their goal, to hang in the school as a reminder to themselves and others to persevere!

Teachers will be on the lookout to support and award house points to students who do just that! Click on this link to

view the video, [youtube.com/watch?v=jUWNIRmsWKA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jUWNIRmsWKA).

Storytelling

On March 24, some students in grades 5 and 6 were chosen to represent their classes in this year's first-ever virtual Storytelling Festival at EBS. Students from grades K-6 listened as the participants shared their wonderful stories. **Selena Eisenberg**, a fabulous storyteller, was invited to share a story and offered our storytellers some inspirational words.

Congratulations to all the participants from cycle 3 who were brave enough to share their incredible stories. Also,

Phoenix and Noam

congratulations to our top storyteller, **Noam** and the runner-up **Phoenix**, both from room 10. Phoenix was the top storyteller chosen by teachers and Noam was the People's Choice winner. They will be attending the **EMSB's What's Your Story?** Virtual Regional Storytelling Festival which will take place on April 13. Noam and Phoenix will be sharing their stories with students from other schools in the **EMSB**.

Visual Workshop in Grade 6

Thanks to the **Artist Inspire** grant, the grade 6 classes are working on an intergenerational

project under local artist **Scott Macleod's** direction. Scott is a versatile visual and film artist who has collaborated with the **NFB**, written graphic novels and participated in various local and international art projects.

Our grade 6 students will create a graphic novel or zine based on one of their family members' life stories. Students were encouraged to speak to their grandparents or other seniors in their families to learn more about their family histories and get to know them better. Students are working with a variety of materials, and the final products are sure to be memorable!

from Kate Marien



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B.A.S.E. starts the year at Edinburgh

On January 11, Edinburgh Elementary School inaugurated the Before and After School Enriched Daycare Program (B.A.S.E). This government-subsidized supervision service is run by the *English Montreal School Board (EMSB)* and provides before and after school care to students. Previously, Edinburgh's before and after school care had been provided by Edinburgh Parent Sponsored Activities (PSA).

Making the transition to a new service in a year where schools were battling a pandemic was challenging, but with the help of dedicated and experienced staff and a new manager, Mr. Marco De Crescentis, the transition went smoothly. De Crescentis has had 20 years of experience with the EMSB, both in the daycare and special needs sector. "This role is the beginning of a new journey for



Grade 4 students working on animal adoption posters

me," he said. "I am excited and thrilled to have joined such an incredible school community. It is a pleasure to be able to work alongside a dedicated and caring staff."

So, how do you keep kids engaged outside of school hours in the era of class bubbles, social distancing and no field trips or guest animators?

De Crescentis and his team

have come up with an array of activities to do in-house with the students after school and on pedagogical days. Some of these include making Valentine's Day cards for patients of the Montreal Children's Hospital, a weekly gardening club, a workshop about the SPCA and animal adoption, celebrating Women's History Month and a chef-theme day where kids got to dream up a favourite menu, decorate chef hats and aprons and enjoy a pizza lunch.

DeCrescentis concluded by saying, "Together with the B.A.S.E. team, my goal is to provide enriching learning opportunities, strengthening their social, emotional and physical development needs. To provide a place where students can have fun, feel safe and discover every day."

from Joanna Duy



We have missed you ...

This past year has been the first time we have gone this long without any organized sporting activities. It has been difficult not seeing players in the gyms, on the ice and in the fields. We have all felt a loss of community and have seen firsthand how it has affected our children. We know it has not been easy and we applaud our youth in being creative and managing all the changes and challenges they have faced.

There is a fear that some children may not want to return to sports because they have lost interest or momentum. They have gotten so used to playing video games and having hours of screen time that the idea of getting out on a field and run-

ning around is less appealing. I hope we will prove them wrong.

We are hopeful that we will be permitted outdoor activities this spring. We are opening registration for our sports programming, with smaller groups and lots of "maybes" as we wait to hear from public health and the Quebec government about what we are permitted to do.

This will be an exceptional season and we want to thank everyone in advance for their patience and understanding. We will do our best to offer sports where we can, keeping everyone's health and safety as our priority.

Our offices are still closed, so if you need to reach us, email us at infocra@mtlwestera.ca.

Mini outdoor soccer

Saturdays

Born 2018 (3 years old) 8 am
Born 2017 (4 years old) 9 am

Micro soccer

Born 2015 (5 years old) 10 am
Born 2016 (6 years old) 11 am

Boys & girls regular outdoor soccer

Born 2014 + Ages 7-15
2 x week
Registration closes **April 19**

18+ Outdoor soccer

Supervised by **Greg Macgregor**.
1 x week
Women – Mondays, 7:30 pm
Men – Wednesdays, 7 pm

NEW!

Basketball outdoors

Location: Hodgson Field Court
Thursdays and Fridays
6-9 years, 5 pm
10-12 years, 6 pm
13+ years, 7 pm

Rugby

Ages U6-U13

Players learn basic rugby knowledge and skills from Coach **Susy Binstock**. This program is non-contact for U7-U10.

Practice 1 x week
Starts Thursday, May 6

Mini baseball

Introduction to the game of baseball through games and fun drills coached by *Sportball* instructors

Ages 3-4: 5 pm
Ages 5-6: 6 pm
Ages 7-8: 7 pm
6 weeks, 1 x week

Sportball

Introduction to six different sports through games and fun drills. Coached by *Sportball* instructors.

Ages 3-4: 5 pm
Ages 5-6: 6 pm
Ages 7-8: 7 pm
6 weeks, 1 x week

SPRING REGISTRATION is now OPEN!

Please visit our updated website: mwcrasports.ca
Registration ends **April 30**



Montreal West Scout Group



Scouts build bat boxes!

The Scout Troop has been working with the *Canadian Wildlife Federation* (cwf-fcf.org) to promote habitat for bats!

Bats are not the most cuddly of animals, but they are excellent pollinators and consume a vast amount of mosquitoes and other insects, and this saves the Canadian agricultural industry about \$30M each year. Bats are in trouble, though, because white nose syndrome has greatly reduced their numbers, and they have a very slow reproductive rate.

The Scouts have been working to provide more urban habitat for bats, by constructing 18 bat boxes. This fits in with the work that the *Environmental Action Committee* has been doing to promote the installation of bat boxes in Town. The *Canadian Wildlife Federation* provided construction plans and the materials for the boxes. The 16 x 24-inch plywood boxes are only three inches thick, and have compartments where bats can roost in the summer. The narrow compartments protect the bats from urban predators like cats and raccoons.

Scouts will either install the bat boxes near their homes, or donate them to the *Canadian Wildlife Federation* that will work with the Rovers and Venturers to install them in the Montreal area.

Installation is a bit tricky; the boxes need about eight hours of sun each day to stay

Scout James Ruffolo with a finished bat box



Scouter Jagger Pawsey builds a bat box

warm, and they need to be 15 to 20 feet above the ground so that bats can begin to fly as they exit the box. Bat boxes are best installed on a pole or under the soffits of a house, rather than on trees where they are exposed to lurking predators.

The Scouts have really enjoyed the experience of constructing the bat boxes and learning new skills, and it is even more rewarding when the project can help our environment.

from Andy Chapman

Cubs: back to basics

The return from spring break has seen the cubs return back to basics, with the Pack learning some knot basics and first aid skills. Getting some rope to practise knots can be a challenge, with us all still meeting at home because of the pandemic, but every cub has some shoe laces! With laces in hand, our cubs were able to develop some basic skills: learning the Figure-8 Stopper Knot and the Fisherman's Bend, as well as terminology used to identify knots and the various parts of the rope used when tying them.

A couple weeks ago **Scouter Chil** gave the Pack a fantastic overview of first-aid basics, and then last week our Howlers (the third-year cubs) practised their leadership skills by directing the entire meeting with a discussion of all the skills that the Pack needed to earn their Emergency Skills 1 badge!

The remainder of spring will see the Pack continuing to learn fundamental Scouting skills, such as fire building and working with maps and compass, to get prepared for a healthy, safe and active summer outside.

from Todd Stedl

NO SALE OF GARDEN SUPPLIES

We have had several inquiries about our annual Sale of Garden Supplies. Unfortunately, we cannot hold this activity this year. We hope that we are able to resume next spring!

from Robert King

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Guiding

A myriad of activities

the Montreal West units enjoyed since March break



Guides

The Guide unit has some old program badges. In the spirit of resourcefulness and creativity, the girls were shown an old program badge, and they made up new requirements in order to earn it.

The Guides had fun exploring community-themed activities from older versions of the Guiding program dating back to the 1970s. The girls answered a 1977 babysitting quiz. They learned of Canadian folk stories; including *Chasse Galerie*, a famous Québec legend and the Haudenosaunee legend of why owls have big eyes. The girls compared the different rules for the communities they belong to. For example, the rules for behaviour at school compared to Guiding events or to a sports team they. The discussion was quite lively and illuminating. A positive aspect of the virtual meetings, the girls were able to use Google Maps to verify the accessibility of local businesses for people with limited mobility.

Police officer **Angela Rankin**, from the SPVM, visited with the unit. She explained about online safety. The girls had many questions for her, including what was involved to become a police officer, as well as what her role was within the police force. She did share one funny story: She was dispatched to a "smell complaint" – no, it was not a decomposing body, it was a neighbour who frequently burnt dinner!

Sparks/Brownies

Both the Sparks/Brownie unit and the Guide unit worked on the Money Sense badge. The Guides learned about the different types of money and when to use each one. They played a budgeting game. The goal of which was to earn as many hap-

piness points while staying out of debt. Well, initially the girls were just focused on being happy. This became a teachable moment, and the girls played the game the following week after which the leaders shared with them, carrying large amounts of personal debt in order to enjoy the finer things in life was actually a huge source of stress. After playing the game a second time, the girls fared better, with one team not going into debt while obtaining high happiness points!

The Sparks/Brownie unit, looked at Canadian currency. They played fun games like learning how to add up the different denominations. They all did very well being able to distinguish between a "need" and a "want," and why it is important to know the difference. They ended the section with a fun game of Family Feud Money Sense.

Travels in Japan

In Mid-March, **Unicorn** shared stories and photos of herself when she was fortunate enough to travel to Japan. She shared tales of her travels around the country and of her visit to the Girl Scout office. She shared an informative history of Guiding (1920-1939) and how the girls were not permitted to meet during WWII. After the war ended, and the movement returned to Japan, it was decided the organization would be known as the Girl Scouts of Japan.

The girls compared the Japanese Scouting levels with our Canadian Guiding levels as well as the promises for the similarly aged groups. As leaders, it is wonderful to see the amazement on the girls' faces as they realize, although we live a world apart, the values we hold close to our hearts are very similar. The girls learned to sing *Make New Friends* in Japanese as well. It was quite fun, and the

girls have asked to have it added to our virtual campfire.

Earth Day

In early April, the Sparks and Brownies started to focus on Earth Day. It is never too early to reduce our impact on the earth! For a craft, the girls up-cycled an object. Some of the girls continued to work on their craft of making a piggy bank from recycled objects – a craft they started when they worked on the Money Sense badge. One of the leaders was able to convert an old uniform shirt into a cloth face covering for a co-

Guider who does not have access to a sewing machine.

Chocolate mint cookies

There are still chocolate mint cookies available for purchase. If you are craving a snack, and would like to support the Guiding program in our community and across Canada, please contact **Janet** (Brown Owl) at **481-6523** or at **Pearl 483-3303**.

Considering joining us?

Girls who are not members, but are interested in what we do and the exciting adventures await them, can join through the "Try now, pay later" offer which is available. Visit girlguides.ca for more information.

*from the Guiders
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MAYOR'S REPORT



Outdoor recreational facilities

I have received interventions from residents on both sides of the issue about opening our recreational installations during this third wave. And valid points have been raised by both groups. Suffice it to say that

we will continue to follow, as we have the whole duration of this pandemic, the recommendations and obligations of the public health authorities. To the users, I hope you continue to follow the rules as laid out by the government when using these outdoor facilities. To those that have expressed concerns about users not following the rules, I will remind you that the SPVM is mandated to enforce those rules and you can report any flagrant non-compliance to them directly.

Davies Park

I would like to bring you up to date on a non-pandemic subject Council and administration have been elaborating. As part of our continuing upgrade of Davies Park, we are studying the installation of a gazebo in the park. It will act as a place to rest in the shade and will also act as a permanent stage for the park in lieu of the plywood stage we normally install. We have mandated a firm to design a structure that represents the Town and respects our architectural heritage. In fact, the lead architect is a resident of our Town. The plans are being finalized so we can issue a call for tender and see if we can have it built while respecting our budgets. It will be a great addition to the park and to the Town and will act as a focal point of our recreational facilities on Westminster.

Stay safe and stay healthy.

Beny Masella, Mayor
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KEEPING OUR SIDEWALKS UNOBSTRUCTED



As the nice weather arrives, it is lovely to see so many residents out walking, running and biking. Particularly this year when indoor gatherings are not permitted, these outdoor activities where we can see neighbours are even more crucial.



With the sidewalks in full use, it is important to ensure they are free and unobstructed.

We ask your cooperation in this endeavour and would like to highlight some of the things you should be mindful of and which have been the sources of complaints in the past.

Plantings on medians

The median or boulevard is the area between the street curb and the sidewalk which exists on certain streets (e.g., Percival, Wolseley N., Fenwick). It is the property of the Town, and is typically planted with grass. However, on streets with medians, some residents use the median in front of their home as a small garden. If you choose to plant a garden, there are some restrictions for safety reasons.

- Plantings should not overhang the sidewalk or pose a hazard to pedestrians.
- Plantings should not be so high as to interfere with the sightlines of pedestrians or drivers, i.e., no higher than 60 cm or 2 feet.
- The plants should be non-toxic.
- Plantings should not impede the opening or closing of a car door parked beside them.
- Gardens on medians are intended to provide growing spaces for plant material and as such a minimum of hard surfacing materials (pavers, stones, pots) should be used.

- The median should not be fenced off and should not contain sticks or stakes of any kind as these can be dangerous.

It is therefore recommended to grow grass, short flowers or non-woody plants in these areas to ensure that the medians are both beautiful and safe.

Hedges

Hedges must be maintained and trimmed so they do not impede the movement of pedestrians on the sidewalk. In addition, at an intersection, hedges, bushes or any other structure are limited to a maximum height of 60 cm or 2 feet, starting at 3 meters back from the property line to the corner. This is in place so as to not to obscure an oncoming car from drivers or walkers.

Other obstructions

While it is wonderful to see kids out playing street hockey or basketball, sports equipment should be moved off the street and sidewalks when not in use. The same goes for gardening tools or debris.

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TREE INITIATIVES IN TOWN



The Town of Montreal West is committed to maintaining the integrity of our tree canopy so that it can continue to provide us with its innumerable economic, health, environmental and aesthetic benefits. Here are some updates on our ongoing tree initiatives.

Tree inventory results

Last summer, a full inventory of all public trees in Town was carried out, which entailed the collection of size, health and condition information for each tree by a certified arborist. Prior to this exercise, the most recent inventory had taken place in 2011 at which time we were warned of a severe deficit of young trees to replace the larger trees expected to naturally senesce (die). Despite this predicament and the removal of trees due to the emerald ash borer and Turcot construction, we are proud to report that the Town's tree canopy has increased and its resilience has improved thanks to aggressive tree-planting efforts over the past ten years. For example, the Town's tree cover percentage has increased from 28.75% in 2011 to 30.03% in 2019 and species distribution has become more diverse resulting in a canopy less susceptible to insects and diseases.

That being said, we still have plenty of work to do: though the proportion of small trees has improved from 15% to 28% it still falls short of the ideal of 40%. In addition, overall tree health has seen a slight decline. The Public Tree Planting Program as well as an ambitious tree maintenance program are two initiatives that are in place to respond to these concerns.

Public planting program

Every year, the Town plants public trees in available spaces throughout its territory, i.e., the easement between the sidewalk and property line. This year, the council has set a goal of planting 100 new trees. At the time of this article's printing, the spring session of the annual tree planting program will be well underway. If a location adjacent to your home has been selected for the planting of a public tree you will receive (or have already received) a letter from the Public Works department asking you to select your species preference from a list of options chosen specifically for suitability in the available space. If you did not receive a letter but wish to have a public tree planted adjacent to your

property, you may contact Public Works at any time and we will evaluate the suggested location for planting in the fall of 2021.

Maintenance

The recent tree inventory has provided us with a detailed picture of the maintenance requirements to keep our public trees in safe and healthy condition. As over half of public trees have been recommended for some type of intervention within the next five years (typically involving trimming or pruning) you may notice an elevated level of tree activity particularly during the summer months. Tree maintenance is an ongoing process and security issues are usually prioritized over aesthetic issues.

As a last resort, some trees unfortunately need to be removed – if this is the case for a tree adjacent to your home, you will receive a notice from the Public Works department in advance of the tree's removal.

Private tree giveaway

The eighth annual tree giveaway, where Montreal West residents can order a tree for 10\$ to plant on their own property, is taking place again this year. Though by the time of this article's publishing tree reservations will have closed, we expect to deliver all orders during the week of May 17.

We thank all residents for their participation and for their contribution to a greener community.

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*Maria Torres, Councillor for Public Works,
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KEEPING OUR SIDEWALKS UNOBSTRUCTED

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Bicycles

Riding bicycles is not permitted on sidewalks. This is particularly problematic on Westminister Avenue where many people are shopping, and the situation is quite precarious. If you are uncomfortable riding your bike on Westminister Avenue due to the traffic, bikes can be walked along the sidewalk. Signs on Westminister indicate that bike-riding is not allowed on the sidewalk, but, unfortunately, they are largely disregarded, causing a hazard to pedestrians, particularly those with reduced mobility.

By-laws

Not riding bikes on sidewalks and keeping our sidewalks clear for pedestrians not only show consideration for others, but are also supported by our by-laws, with contraventions subject to fines. The point of this article however, is not to quote by-laws, but to appeal to your sense of community and ask for your co-operation. People may be walking side by side, or with a walker, wheelchair, baby carriage, or having to hold onto an arm for support, so they should be able to use the whole sidewalk. Please be considerate of all these different needs and help to keep our community a beautiful and safe one in which to walk.

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RAPPORT DU MAIRE



Installations récréatives extérieures

J'ai reçu plusieurs messages de résidents se positionnant des deux côtés de la question concernant l'ouverture de nos installations récréatives pendant cette troisième vague. Et des points valables ont été soulevés des deux côtés. Bien entendu nous continuerons de suivre, comme nous l'avons fait pendant toute la durée de cette pandémie, les recommandations et obligations des autorités de santé publique. Aux utilisateurs, j'espère que vous continuerez à suivre les règles établies par le gouvernement lors de l'utilisation de ces installations extérieures. À ceux qui ont exprimé leurs inquiétudes quant au non-respect des règles par les utilisateurs, je rappelle que la SPVM est mandatée pour faire respecter ces règles et que vous pouvez leur signaler directement tout manquement flagrant.

Le parc Davies

J'aimerais vous mettre au courant d'un sujet aucunement lié à la pandémie sur lequel le conseil et l'administration se sont penchés. Dans le cadre de l'amélioration continue du parc Davies, nous étudions l'installation d'un kiosque dans le parc. Il servira d'endroit pour se reposer à l'ombre et servira également de scène permanente pour le parc au lieu de la scène en contreplaqué que nous installons habituellement. Nous avons mandaté une firme pour concevoir une structure qui représente la ville et qui respecte notre patrimoine architectural. L'architecte principal est d'ailleurs un de nos résidents. Les plans sont en cours de finalisation afin que nous puissions lancer un appel d'offres et voir si nous pouvons le faire construire tout en respectant nos budgets. Il s'agira d'un ajout important au parc et à la ville, et il constituera le point central de nos installations récréatives à Westminster.

Restez en sécurité et en bonne santé.

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GARDONS NOS TROTTOIRS SANS ENTRAVE



Avec l'arrivée du beau temps, il est agréable de voir tant de résidents marcher, courir et faire du vélo. Cette année en particulier, alors que les rassemblements à l'intérieur ne sont pas autorisés, ces activités en plein air où nous pouvons voir nos



voisins sont encore plus importantes. Les trottoirs étant très fréquentés, il est important de veiller à ce qu'ils soient libres et non obstrués.

Nous vous demandons votre coopération à cet égard et souhaitons mettre en évidence certaines des choses auxquelles vous devriez faire attention et qui ont fait l'objet de plaintes par le passé.

Plantations sur les terre-pleins

Le terre-plein ou le boulevard est la zone située entre la bordure de la rue et le trottoir qui existe sur certaines rues (par ex. Percival, Wolseley N., Fenwick). Il est la propriété de la Ville et est généralement planté de gazon. Toutefois, dans les rues dotées d'un terre-plein, certains résidents utilisent le terre-plein devant leur maison comme un petit jardin. Si vous choisissez de planter un jardin, il existe certaines restrictions pour des raisons de sécurité :

- Les plantations ne doivent pas surplomber le trottoir ni constituer un danger pour les piétons.
- Les plantes ne doivent pas être hautes au point de gêner la vue des piétons ou des conducteurs, par exemple pas plus de 60 cm ou 2 pieds.
- Les plantes doivent être non toxiques.
- Les plantations ne doivent pas gêner l'ouverture ou la fermeture d'une porte de voiture garée à côté d'elles.
- Les jardins sur les terre-pleins sont destinés à fournir des espaces de croissance pour les végétaux et, à ce titre, un minimum de matériaux de revêtement durs (pavés, pierres, pots) doit être utilisé.
- Le terre-plein ne doit pas être clôturé et ne doit pas contenir de bâtons ou de piquets d'aucune sorte, car ceux-ci peuvent être dangereux.

Il est donc recommandé de faire pousser de l'herbe, des fleurs courtes ou des plantes non ligneuses dans ces zones. Ainsi, les terre-pleins seront à la fois beaux et sûrs.

Haies

Les haies doivent être entretenues et taillées de manière à ne pas gêner la circulation des piétons sur le trottoir. En outre, à une intersection, les haies, les buissons ou toute autre structure sont limitées à une hauteur maximale de 60 cm. ou 2 pieds, à partir de 3 mètres en arrière de la limite de propriété jusqu'à l'angle. Cette mesure est mise en place afin de ne pas masquer une voiture venant en sens inverse aux conducteurs ou aux marcheurs.

Autres obstructions

Bien qu'il soit merveilleux de voir des enfants jouer au hockey ou au basket dans la rue, les équipements sportifs doivent être déplacés hors de la rue et des trottoirs lorsqu'ils ne sont pas utilisés. Il en va de même pour les outils de jardinage ou les débris.

Bicyclettes

Il est interdit de circuler à bicyclette sur les trottoirs. Cela est particulièrement problématique sur l'avenue Westminster où de

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INITIATIVES CONCERNANT LES ARBRES EN VILLE



La Ville de Montréal-Ouest s'est engagée à maintenir l'intégrité de sa canopée urbaine afin qu'elle puisse continuer à nous offrir ses innombrables avantages économiques, sanitaires, environnementaux et esthétiques. Voici quelques mises à jour sur nos initiatives en cours concernant les arbres.

Résultats de l'inventaire des arbres

L'été dernier, un arboriculteur agréé a procédé à un inventaire complet de tous les arbres publics de la ville, ce qui a permis de recueillir des informations sur la taille, la santé et l'état de chaque arbre. Avant cet exercice, l'inventaire le plus récent avait eu lieu en 2011. À l'époque, nous avions été avertis d'un grave déficit de jeunes arbres pour remplacer les plus grands arbres qui devaient naturellement vieillir (mourir). Malgré cette situation difficile et l'élimination d'arbres en raison de l'agrie du frêne et de la construction de Turcot, nous sommes fiers d'annoncer que notre canopée urbaine a augmenté et que sa résilience s'est améliorée grâce à des efforts agressifs de plantation d'arbres au cours des dix dernières années. Par exemple, le pourcentage de couverture arborée de la ville est passé de 28,75 % en 2011 à 30,03 % en 2019 et la distribution des espèces s'est diversifiée, ce qui a permis d'obtenir une canopée moins sensible aux insectes et aux maladies.

Cela dit, nous avons encore beaucoup de travail à faire : bien que la proportion de petits arbres se soit améliorée, passant de 15 % à 28 %, elle n'atteint toujours pas l'idéal de 40 %. En outre, la santé globale des arbres a connu un léger déclin. Le programme de plantation d'arbres publics ainsi qu'un programme ambitieux d'entretien des arbres sont deux initiatives mises en place pour répondre à ces préoccupations.

Programme de plantation publique

Chaque année, la ville plante des arbres publics dans les espaces disponibles sur son territoire, c'est-à-dire la servitude entre le trottoir et la limite de propriété. Cette année, le conseil s'est fixé comme objectif de planter 100 nouveaux arbres. Au moment de l'impression de cet article, la session de printemps du programme annuel de plantation d'arbres sera bien entamée. Si un emplacement adjacent à votre maison a été choisi pour la plantation d'un arbre public, vous recevrez (ou avez déjà reçu) une lettre du service des travaux publics vous demandant de choisir votre

espèce préférée dans une liste d'options choisies spécifiquement pour convenir à l'espace disponible. Si vous n'avez pas reçu de lettre, mais que vous souhaitez qu'un arbre public soit planté près de votre propriété, vous pouvez contacter le service des travaux publics à tout moment et nous évaluerons l'emplacement suggéré pour la plantation à l'automne 2021.

Entretien

Le récent inventaire des arbres nous a fourni une image détaillée des besoins d'entretien à venir pour maintenir nos arbres publics dans un état sûr et sain. Étant donné qu'il a été recommandé que plus de la moitié des arbres publics fassent l'objet d'une intervention au cours des cinq prochaines années (généralement un élagage ou une taille), vous remarquerez peut-être un niveau élevé d'activité lié aux arbres, en particulier pendant les mois d'été. L'entretien des arbres est un processus continu et les questions de sécurité sont généralement prioritaires par rapport aux questions esthétiques.

En dernier recours, certains arbres doivent malheureusement être abattus. Si c'est le cas pour un arbre adjacent à votre maison, vous recevrez un avis du service des travaux publics avant l'abattage de l'arbre.

Dons d'arbres pour la propriété privée

La huitième campagne annuelle de dons d'arbres, qui permet aux résidents de Montréal-Ouest de commander un arbre pour 10 \$ afin de le planter sur leur propriété, aura lieu à nouveau cette année. Bien qu'au moment de la publication de cet article, les réservations d'arbres seront terminées, nous prévoyons livrer les commandes au cours de la semaine du 17 mai.

Nous remercions tous les résidents pour leur participation et pour leur contribution à une communauté plus verte.

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GARDONS NOS TROTTOIRS SANS ENTRAVER

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nombreuses personnes font leurs courses, et la situation est assez précaire. Si vous n'êtes pas à l'aise de faire du vélo sur l'avenue Westminster en raison de la circulation, vous pouvez marcher sur le trottoir. Des panneaux sur Westminster indiquent qu'il est interdit de rouler à vélo sur le trottoir, mais malheureusement, ils sont largement ignorés, ce qui constitue un danger pour les piétons, notamment ceux à mobilité réduite.

Règlement municipal

Le fait de ne pas rouler à vélo sur les trottoirs et de laisser les trottoirs dégagés pour les piétons est non seulement une preuve de considération pour les autres, mais est également soutenu par nos arrêtés municipaux, les infractions étant passibles d'amendes. Le but de cet article n'est cependant pas de citer les règlements, mais de faire appel à votre sens de la communauté et de demander votre coopération. Les gens peuvent marcher côte à côte, ou avec un déambulateur, un fauteuil roulant, une poussette, ou doivent se tenir à un bras pour se soutenir, ils doivent donc pouvoir utiliser tout le trottoir. Nous vous demandons de tenir compte de tous ces besoins différents et de contribuer à faire de notre communauté un lieu de promenade beau et sûr.

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En avril, la poésie est à l'honneur! Pour célébrer le mois national de la poésie, nous vous invitons à lire un poème avec votre enfant et faire un enregistrement.

Les membres de la bibliothèque ont reçu le vidéo-collage de lecture de poèmes par notre équipe, dans le but de vous motiver à faire de même. Nous aimerions préparer un collage des toutes les vidéos et le partager avec les participants. La date d'échéance de soumission de la vidéo : le 30 avril.

Current activities

The ongoing activities we offer include **Children's Writing Contest**: every member of the library, from grade 1 to grade 6, can submit a poem, essay, short story on a topic of their choice, written in English or French. The entries will be accepted until June 15.

Birdwatching: pick up a log, borrow books and go on a birdwatching adventure. The logs can be submitted no later than May 16.

Travel the World: all documents you need to explore a country of your choice are in a yellow bag containing non-

fiction, fiction, DVD and recipes. The program ends on April 30. More details about every activity can be found on our website.

No more late fees!

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have not collected fees for overdue materials. Now, together with the MoWest Public Library, we have adhered to the nation-wide initiative to abolish late fees altogether. You will be not penalised if your library materials are returned after the due date.

However, please be mindful of the other library users would benefit from your returning the borrowed items on time. Lost or damaged books still will need to be paid for.

TD Summer Reading Club

Summer is just around the corner, and we have started preparing the TD Summer Reading program. This year, the theme will be the same as in 2020 – Game on! – to fully use the potential of the theme, chosen originally to coincide with the Summer Olympic Games.



Vienna Syrovatka and her Easter sock-bunny made during our Take and Make craft

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New Contact Info

We have moved into our new digs, but unfortunately our phone number and Videotron email did not move with us. Please update your address books; our new number is **481-7522** and please use mwlib.requests@gmail.com for general inquiries. All the contact info is available on our website.

Now open for browsing!

Yes, it is true – as of April 12, we are open for browsing! We will be allowing only two patrons in a time and at this point we see no need to make appointments. If we find there are too many people waiting, we will adjust our policy. We will be asking you to wash your hands upon entry and you must be wearing a face mask at all times. There will be no chairs or work-spaces available. The library will be available for browsing only. We hope to see you soon!

Please note, that although we are open for browsing, we will be continuing our online reservations, curbside pickups and deliveries. We realize that many of you appreciate the online reservation system and still do not feel comfortable browsing.

The other big news is we are finally able to extend our hours a bit to better serve you – we will now be open Monday through Friday from noon to 6 pm. Let us know what you think of these new hours.

Remember we still have tech help available for all patrons so if you are having trouble with printer, computer or tablet,

please, send **Dane** an email at mwpl.tech-help@gmail.com. Dane's new hours are Tuesday through Friday from noon pm to 6 pm.

Annual General Meeting

The library held its Annual General Meeting on Zoom March 24. The library is required to hold its AGM where all members are invited to attend.

Every year, we present our previous year's financial statements, a review of the year and we elect five board members to a

two-year term. We have a total of 10 board members plus the library director.

This year we had about 30 members in attendance and a total of eight candidates for five positions. Democracy is alive and well here at our library. The current

board members are **Joanna Duy** (Co-Chair) **Sharon McKechnie** (Co-Chair) **Steven**

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We would really like to thank all those who attended our AGM and especially thank those individuals that put their names forward. We really appreciate it!

from Deb Marcogliese

2020 Annual Report New in 2020

- Free membership for MoWest residents
- Free tech help
- Home delivery service
- Women in Philanthropy series
- Kanopy video streaming service
- Virtual Shakespeare production

The statistics

4505	Deliveries
2621	Reservations
120	New members
300	Books donated
350	Tech help emails
4	Online programs
200	Participants

The budget

Expenditures	\$
Library acquisitions	15,527
Modernization (software equipment)	6,321
Office expenses	1,655
Programming & library services	35,839
Administration	13,508
Payroll deductions (taxes)	8,746

Revenues	
Town Grant	87,620
Donations/fundraisers	11,583
Rotary Club of MoWest and NDG	1,000
MoWest Charity Golf tournament	700
Kimberley Foundation	700

Partnerships

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May challenges

Looking for activities you can do with your kids, friends and family at home and around the world? How about a challenge to conquer every month?! *Keep Fit with Curzon* is an initiative that will not only raise funds for *Curzon Preschool* but also encourages everyone to get moving!

Paw Patrol (75 km)

Rain or shine, dogs are always ready to go for a walk! This May, hit the pavement or trail with your four-legged friend. The school will be donating half of the proceeds from this event to *Dog Tales*: a safe haven for lost, abused and neglected animals to heal and be rehabilitated while they wait for loving forever homes. Visit dogtales.ca to learn more.

L'Étape du Tour de France (175 km)

Calling all cyclists! This is your chance to ride in the tire tracks of your heroes. The Étape route follows the exact course of a stage of the Tour de France, the greatest cycle race in the world. The 2021 route will follow stage 2 of the 2020 Tour, held in Nice.

Registration is open until May 8, so go to raceroster.com, search for "CURZON" and sign up to one of our events today!

Follow *Keep Fit with Curzon* on Facebook and share this event with your friends and family who can choose to participate or sponsor you. See you on the leaderboard!



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MoWest seniors heed the call to get vaccinated

March 30, the *Montreal Gazette* carried an article entitled "Authorities Struggle with Vaccine Hesitancy" by Aaron Derfel. The article reported on vaccine coverage across the Island of Montreal by district, noting that many vaccination slots were unfilled.

Toward the end of the article, however, he indicated that some demographics had achieved 100% vaccine coverage, stating: "For example, everyone who is at least 70 years old in Montreal West has received at least one shot." That is a remarkable statistic, and one of which MoWest seniors should be rightfully proud.

Volunteers in our Senior Outreach program who made calls to our seniors, and

other community organizations who provided assistance and encouraged them to make an appointment should also be pleased with these results. We will continue with this outreach and will send e-bulletins whenever new information about the vaccination program becomes available.

For all those now eligible to receive the vaccine, we encourage you to step up to the challenge set by the 70+ crowd. The more residents in the community who are vaccinated, the safer it will be for all of us.

Keep up the good fight!

Colleen Feeney, Chair
MADA Steering Committee

Nos aînés répondent présents pour le vaccin!

Le 30 mars, la *Gazette de Montréal* publiait un article d'Aaron Derfel intitulé « Les autorités luttent contre l'hésitation face au vaccin ». L'article faisait état, par district, de la couverture vaccinale sur l'Île de Montréal, et soulignait que de nombreux créneaux de vaccination restaient inoccupés.

Vers la fin de l'article, cependant, il indiquait que certaines catégories démographiques avaient atteint une couverture vaccinale de 100 %, déclarant : « Par exemple, toutes les personnes âgées d'au moins 70 ans à Montréal-Ouest ont au moins reçu leur première dose ». Il s'agit d'une statistique remarquable dont les aînés de Mo-Ouest peuvent être fiers, et à juste titre.

Les bénévoles de notre programme de sensibilisation aux aînés qui leur ont

téléphoné et les autres organismes communautaires qui les ont aidés et encouragés à prendre un rendez-vous peuvent également être fiers de ces résultats. Nous poursuivrons ce travail de sensibilisation et enverrons des e-bulletins dès que de nouvelles informations sur le programme de vaccination seront disponibles.

Pour tous ceux qui sont maintenant éligibles pour se faire vacciner, nous vous encourageons à relever le défi lancé par la population des 70 ans et plus. Plus il y aura de résidents vaccinés dans notre communauté, plus nous y serons en sécurité.

Continuons de nous battre !

Colleen Feeney, Présidente
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News from the pews

MW United

...the brick one

"This bud's for you!"

Been walking around enjoying seeing new bulbs emerging from the ground or buds on the branches. Feels like a personal encouragement to keep going. Even mundane, old green grass warms the heart this year of years.

Jewish Christian Dialogue of Montreal

Did you catch the shared worship service at MWUC that celebrated *Yom HaShoah* or Holocaust Remembrance Day? Spiritual people can adhere to a variety of faiths. The chance to share others' observances invites us to gain understanding, deepen respect and think outside the church walls. We were honoured to be given the opportunity to host this service. You can still see it or any other virtual service by searching for Montreal West United Church online. Our Easter service with the trumpet, the flowers and its warm message is worth another look also.

The wind in the Labyrinth

The spring winds had our outdoor Labyrinth up and swirling. It remains to be seen if it can be laid again for walking. Or will we use that space for some other design? If you have an opinion, please contact our church office (mwucoffice@gmail.com or 482-3210) and leave a message. Be interested to hear from you...

Keep calmly keeping on

We urge you to follow the restrictions, get vaccinated and hopefully some loosening of the leash can evolve. Let's do our best to tame this third wave... that is our challenge now.

Be well as possible...

from Susan Upham

St. Philip's

Despite a loosening of restrictions at the end of March, St. Philip's kept to worshiping exclusively online for Holy Week and Easter. The services came together well, with wonderful music by organist **Peter Butler** and a quartet of singers from the choir. We are still uncertain as to when we will resume in-person worship, but we are hoping for sometime in May. Please check our Facebook page for updates.

Our next installment in an occasional series of online Choral Evensongs will take place on the feast of the Ascension, Thursday, May 13 at 7:30 pm. Check our Facebook page for the link to join.

Our Spring Fair (previously known as the Book & Bake Sale) will, unfortunately, not be taking place this year. Look for it to return in 2022.

Gardening!

One activity that can take place in a socially-distanced and safe manner is gardening. Plans are underway for continued expansion of our gardens and permaculture plantings. Please drop by and check it out and help yourselves to the herbs and vegetables as they mature. We are also coordinating with other houses of worship across Montreal to be part of a "bee-line," a corridor of pollinator gardens that provide habitat for bees and beneficial insects, to support a healthy ecosystem.

from Fr. Jim

St. Ignatius of Loyola

All are welcome! St. Ignatius of Loyola on West Broadway continues to offer online masses and events during the quarantine, with some in-person attendance based on government guidelines. You can always count on our live stream mass at 10 am every Sunday. The schedule for other masses and events can vary depending on the latest restrictions, so we encourage you to sign up for our newsletter by going to stig.ca and scrolling to the bottom of the page.

At the end of May, we will begin our 11th session of Alpha. This 12-week experience is for anyone who is curious about the Christian faith. Alpha will again take place completely online. stig.ca/alpha.

from Rebecca Malone

Solutions to the most frequent compost problems

Insects/flies

- Wrap your meat, chicken and fish leftovers in newspapers or a paper bag before putting them into the bin.
- Close the bag tightly after each use.
- Sprinkle some salt in the bin or spray with vinegar, if needed.

Odours

- Use paper bags or line the bottom of your brown bin and your kitchen bin with newspaper.
- Rinse the bin with water and mild detergent or vinegar after each use.
- Sprinkle a bit of baking soda in the brown bin and the kitchen bin.
- Add a layer of green waste on top of food waste.
- Store your bin in a shady place out of the sun.
- Put your bin out for every collection, even if it contains only a small amount of waste.
- Keep the cover of the kitchen bin and of the wheeled brown bin well closed at all times.
- Place meat & bone scraps in bags/newspaper in the freezer until pickup day.

Animals

- Apply a menthol cream around the cover.
- Secure your bin with the latch.

See the Town website: Resident Services / Waste Collection / How to sort your waste.






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Egg Hunt

Yes, it was a cool raining day for our Egg Hunt in Strathearn Park.

Thank you to all those who didn't let the rain stop them and instead enjoyed finding eggs, unscrambling letters, and splashing in the puddles.



Spring-summer Artists' Showcase

Calling all MoWest artists; it is time to start planning your art work for next season's Artists' Showcase.

The theme for the spring/summer exhibit will be *Unsung Heroes*.

Please fill out an application online. The online exhibit will be up toward the end of May, the deadline for application is May 15.



Axel Baumel and Tammy Loftus

Guess who's back?

We are thrilled to welcome **Tammy** back to the Community Centre.

When you call or email the recreation department for whatever reason: registration, Amilia, Zoom, pool, camp, fitness programs or other questions Tammy is there to help.

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Photo by Linda Rutenberg

A history of rock and roll in 14 songs

Wednesday, May 5, 7-9 pm

Musician, author, teacher, ethnomusicologist, **Craig Morrison** will cover some of the big names, songs, and events in the history of rock and roll from its beginnings in the late 1940s to the 1990s. With recordings, slides, and some live music examples, Dr. Morrison will place the music in its cultural context. We shall rock (and roll)!

Free for residents and members 50+ Club; \$10 for non-residents.

Email to sign up and receive the zoom link: recreation@montreal-west.ca.

Red Cross courses

- **Red Cross Babysitting** (11years +) May 1 and 2. 9 am-noon.
 - **Red Cross Stay Safe** (9-13 years old) May 1 and 2. 1-4 pm.
- A few spots left for the online courses: montreal-west.ca or call 484-6186.

50+ Club

Online activities are in the works. For more information email: recreation@montreal-west.ca or call **Tammy** (Yes, she is back!) 484-6186.



We're all in this Together



Check out: *We're all in this Together* (Senior Action Quebec & Elan) Episode 1-9 available on their YouTube page.

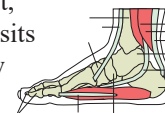
Flower arranging with **Lyudmila** and gardening in small places with **Graham**.

Information email: recreation@montreal-west.ca or call **Kailin** at 484-6186.

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May 5
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Kosher corner

New series!

With Passover behind us we can now shift our focus to the holiday of Shavuot.

Shavuot takes place 50 days after Passover and is the anniversary date that the Torah was given on Mount Sinai.

It is customary to prepare for this special day with the study of the *Pirkei Avot* A.K.A. Ethics of our Fathers.

Chabad Westminster is proud to share that during these weeks, every Thursday evening at 7:45 pm there will be an online course called Cultivating Character that will expound on the *Pirkei Avot*. The link to join the course is chabadwestminster.com/zoom.

Shavuot

For the celebration of Shavuot itself, it is customary to hear a reading of the Ten Commandments. This year however, although we will be unable to hold a Torah reading, we keep with the tradition of distributing ice cream as we have done in the past!

Looking for a daycare?

Exciting news for parents who are looking for a kosher *garderie*. Chabad Westminster is excited to announce that we are partnering with a local daycare to create a Jewish class that will enable your child to have a full Jewish daycare experience while staying local! Contact us for details.

from Rabbi Mendy Marlow

Town Council meeting: March



by Carol Foster

Mayor Masella reported two large infrastructure projects beginning in the coming months. Calls for tenders have been issued for the work on Avon between Westminster and the overpass into Lachine at Ronald Drive. An agreement with Transport Québec, related to the Turcot project, has provided financial assistance of approximately \$600,000 towards this portion of the street. The stretch of Avon from Westminster to the NDG border will have to wait until a mutual decision between the Town and the City of Montreal is reached concerning the repairs required to the pipes in that section of the road.

Another area which will be attended to is the complete rebuilding of Fenwick from Ainslie to Rennie. A public consultation was held concerning the construction of the new sidewalks and it was agreed to have boulevards, which currently exist in the sidewalks, a feature of the new sidewalks.

A recent study entitled "The Suburbs of Quebec's Large Cities Have the Highest Economic Vitality" was reported in *The Gazette*. It looked at factors such as population growth, median household income and employment figures. It concluded that the most economically healthy municipalities are in the vicinity of Montreal. Of these municipalities, the town of Mount Royal received the highest rating, followed by Westmount and then Montreal West.

The Mayor ended his report on a somber note. March 11, he participated in a Montreal Island service dedicated to remembering all of the lives lost due to Covid-19.

Councillors' Reports

Councillor Ulin announced that plans for the summer camp are going ahead. Registration begins on March 24 for residents.

An online St. Patrick's Day concert, the replacement of the annual Cottontail Party by an egg hunt in the park and an Easter egg house decorating contest were events all scheduled by the Recreation Department. It was also announced that the **McCutcheon family** was the winner of the Creative Snowman contest.

Councillor Feeney's financial report included the news that the debt refinancing, mentioned in the last Council meeting, was concluded successfully with a favourable new rate of 1.32%. The Town's tech grant covering the years from 2019 to 2023 has been approved and amounts to \$1,079,000. This money from the government can be applied to approved projects such as the reconstruction of Fenwick.

With tenders going out for a number of new projects, it is expected to be a busy year

for the Town. It also continues to be a busy year for PAC. Thirty-one permits were issued in March and many more applications are expected. Councillor Feeney advised residents planning on renovations to get their applications in as early as possible.

With the usual celebration of the Town's volunteers during National Volunteer Week cancelled due to COVID-19, Councillor Feeney took this opportunity to send out a very warm thank you to the many volunteers she has been working with. She included hopes that, with numbers going down and vaccinations going up, the volunteers whose contributions have been put on hold during the pandemic will be able to resume them before too long.

Councillor Torres advised residents that with the early start to spring, the street sweeper will soon be making its rounds. Attention should be paid to its schedule on the Town's website and on no parking signs. Parks, green spaces and seasonal traffic-calming measures are all being prepared. The fences for the seasonal dog run on Hodgson Field will be removed in mid-April.

Information for residents concerning the reconstruction on Avon will be available by e-bulletins and on the Town's website as soon as possible.

A large number of infected ash trees have been cut down. The stumps will soon be removed and 50 new trees will be planted. Residents who have been selected to receive a tree will be contacted and asked to choose from three different species. The forms should be returned to Public Works as soon as possible so that the trees can be ordered. In addition, any resident interested in having a public tree planted should also contact Public Works as soon as possible. Information concerning the annual Tree Giveaway will be available in mid-April with delivery scheduled for the middle of May.

Councillor Torres ended her report by encouraging everyone to read the article in *The Informer* describing the initiatives of the Environmental Action Committee.

Question period

Prompted, perhaps, by the promise of spring weather ahead, the questions during question period centred around environmental issues.

The desire for upgrades to both Sheraton and George Booth Parks was mentioned by several residents. The Mayor responded that possible renovations to Sheraton Park were already under discussion at Council meetings but, with both parks, public consultations with neighbours in the area will be the first step in order to decide what modifications are most desirable. These plans will

certainly include planting more trees but since the Town already has so many projects scheduled for this season, nothing can be decided at this time.

In view of the large number of ash trees now having to be removed because of disease, the money spent on the earlier tree vaccination program was questioned. According to Councillor Torres, at the time, the vaccination process was the only remedy available which held out hope for prolonging the life of these trees.

Other questions concerned the viability of saving the stream that runs through Meadowbrook. Following the City of Montreal directives concerning the correction of cross-connected pipes in the north area of the town, many of these situations have been rectified. However, it has been determined there are still nine potential problems to be investigated, but COVID-19 restrictions have slowed down the sampling process. While the Town will continue to collaborate with Montreal to address any problems the Town is responsible for, the long-term decision regarding this stream belongs to Montreal.

A plea was heard to continue to allow the use of an area in Hodgson's field for dogs and their owners. While she was sympathetic to the request, Councillor Ulin reviewed the very extensive process that was followed to determine a location for a dog run in an available site that was not near residential property. The present location fit all the criteria. She also pointed out that once the winter is over, Hodgson's Field is used by other recreational activities, so an all-season dog run is not possible there.

Large transport trucks rumbling along Brock South and Ronald Drive, especially at night, prompted a resident to ask if there any restrictions the Town can impose on this traffic. The Mayor explained only the SPVM can enforce regulations involving moving violations. However, the Town does have restrictions on the types of trucks going through the area. Public Security can investigate further if they are informed of the distinguishing letter (F or L) on the licence plate of the trucks.

The final questioner asked if the Town could provide some chairs outdoors, allowing for people to sit and chat while maintaining social distancing. He pointed out that this had already been done in several areas of Montreal. Councillor Ulin heartily welcomed the suggestion. She felt it would be an option to look at for the fall, as the parks provide ample space for social distancing during the summer months.

Following the next several business items on the agenda and noting that no further questions had been received, the Mayor adjourned the meeting.

Réunion du Conseil : mars



par Carol Foster
traduction par René Boucher

Le **maire Masella** a fait part de deux grands chantiers d'infrastructure débutant dans les prochains mois. Des appels d'offres ont été lancés pour les travaux sur Avon entre Westminster et le viaduc menant à Lachine, à la promenade Ronald. Une entente avec le ministère des Transports en lien avec le chantier Turcot a fourni une aide financière d'environ 600 000 \$ pour cette portion de la rue. La partie entre Westminster et la frontière de NDG devra attendre la décision conjointe de la Ville et de Montréal relative à la réparation des conduites sous cette section de la rue.

Un autre projet verra la réfection complète de Fenwick entre Ainslie et Rennie. Une consultation tenue a mené à la décision de conserver les plates-bandes en bordure des nouveaux trottoirs comme ce qui existe déjà.

The Gazette a rapporté une étude récente, «The Suburbs of Quebec's Large Cities Have the Highest Economic Vitality» qui examinait des facteurs comme la croissance de la population, le revenu médian de la maisonnette et les chiffres sur l'emploi. L'étude concluait que les municipalités jouissant de la meilleure santé économique se situent dans les régions métropolitaines de Montréal. Dans la région immédiate de Montréal, Mont-Royal était la mieux cotée, suivie de Westmount et de Montréal-Ouest.

Le maire a conclu son rapport sur une note plus sombre. Le 11 mars, il a participé à un service commémorant toutes les vies perdues à la COVID-19 sur l'île de Montréal.

Rapports des membres du Conseil

La **conseillère Ulin** a annoncé que les plans pour le camp d'été se poursuivaient. Les inscriptions sont ouvertes depuis le 24 mars pour les résidents.

Le service des Loisirs a présenté un concert en ligne pour la Saint-Patrick, une chasse aux œufs dans le parc a remplacé la fête annuelle du Lapin et un concours de décoration thématique des maisons se tenait pour Pâques. Elle a aussi annoncé que la **famille McCutcheon** avait remporté le concours du meilleur Bonhomme de neige.

Le rapport de la **conseillère Feeney** a indiqué que le refinancement de la dette dont il avait été question à la réunion précédente du Conseil s'est conclu à un nouveau taux avantageux de 1,32 %. La subvention technique de la Ville pour les années 2019-2023 a été approuvée et se chiffre à 1 079 000 \$. On peut appliquer cet octroi gouvernemental aux chantiers approuvés, comme la reconstruction de Fenwick.

Les nombreux appels d'offres pour différents projets présagent une année occupée pour la Ville. L'année du CCU continue sur sa lancée. En mars, on a accordé 31 permis et on attend encore plusieurs autres demandes. Mme Feeney a conseillé aux citoyens qui envisagent des rénovations de soumettre leurs demandes le plus tôt possible.

Vu l'annulation de la célébration de la Semaine nationale des Bénévoles de la Ville en raison de la COVID-19, la conseillère Feeney a profité de la présente occasion pour remercier chaleureusement tous les bénévoles avec lesquels elle a travaillé. Elle espère qu'avec la baisse des chiffres et la vaccination qui s'accélère, les bénévoles qui ont dû se mettre en pause pendant la pandémie pourront reprendre leurs activités prochainement.

La **conseillère Torres** a informé les citoyens que le printemps hâtif amènerait le balai mécanique à faire ses rondes sous peu et qu'il faudrait surveiller son horaire sur le site Web de la Ville et les panneaux restreignant le stationnement. On prépare les parcs, les espaces verts et les mesures saisonnières d'atténuation de la circulation. Les clôtures du parc canin temporaire du terrain Hodgson seront retirées à la mi-avril.

Dès que possible, le bulletin électronique et le site Web de la Ville rendront les renseignements sur la reconstruction du chemin Avon disponibles pour les résidents.

Un grand nombre de frênes contaminés ont été abattus. Les souches seront enlevées sous peu et une cinquantaine de nouveaux arbres seront plantés. Les résidents qui doivent recevoir un arbre seront contactés et on leur demandera de choisir parmi trois espèces. Les formulaires doivent être retournés aux Travaux publics le plus tôt possible pour que la commande soit passée. De plus, ceux qui voudraient avoir un arbre public devraient aussi contacter les Travaux publics au plus tôt. Les renseignements concernant la distribution annuelle d'arbres à 10 \$ seront disponibles vers la mi-avril, la livraison devant se faire à la mi-mai.

Mme Torres a conclu son rapport en encourageant tout le monde à lire l'article dans *The Informer* décrivant les initiatives du Comité d'action environnementale.

Période de questions

Peut-être inspirées par la promesse de temps printanier à venir, les questions portaient surtout sur des sujets reliés à l'environnement.

Plus d'un citoyen a manifesté leur désir de mises à jour aux parcs Sheraton et George Booth. Le Conseil discute déjà de possibles rénovations au parc Sheraton, mais dans les deux cas, la première étape sera une consultation auprès des résidents

du voisinage pour arrêter les modifications les plus souhaitables. La plantation d'arbres en fera certainement partie, mais comme la Ville a déjà tellement de chantiers planifiés pour cette saison, aucune décision ne sera prise à ce moment.

Compte tenu du grand nombre de frênes à abattre en raison de maladie, des questions se posent concernant l'argent consacré précédemment au programme de vaccination. Selon la conseillère Torres, à ce moment-là, le vaccin était le seul remède disponible pouvant prolonger la vie de ces arbres.

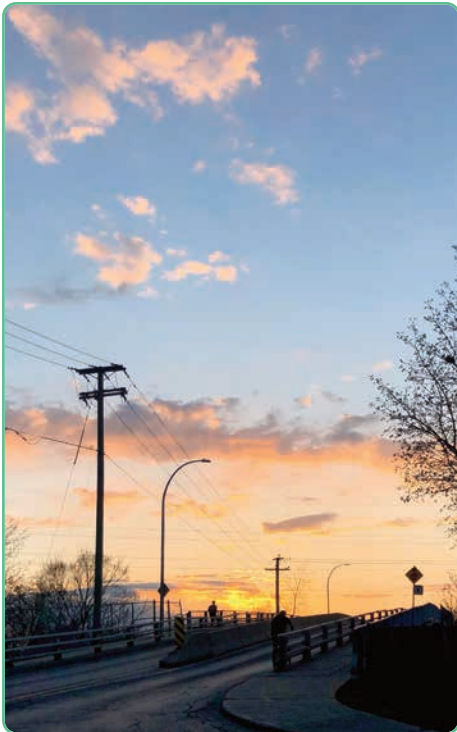
D'autres questions touchaient la viabilité de préserver le ruisseau qui traverse Meadowbrook. Par suite des directives de la Ville de Montréal visant à corriger la jonction fautive de conduits dans la partie nord de la ville, plusieurs cas ont déjà été réparés. Neuf autres problèmes potentiels doivent être examinés, cependant les restrictions dues à la COVID-19 ralentissent les travaux. Bien que la Ville continuera à collaborer avec Montréal pour rectifier ce dont elle est responsable, la décision à long terme concernant ce ruisseau est du ressort de Montréal.

Un plaidoyer a été présenté pour prolonger l'utilisation d'une partie du terrain Hodgson comme parc à chiens. Bien que sensible à la demande, la conseillère Ulin a refait la chronologie du long processus ayant mené à la décision de situer le parc canin dans un endroit disponible éloigné de toute propriété résidentielle. Le site actuel satisfait tous les critères. Elle a aussi noté qu'après l'hiver, d'autres activités récréatives se tiennent à Hodgson et qu'il n'est, dès lors, pas possible d'y aménager un parc canin.

Les gros camions qui grondent le long de Brock Sud et promenade Ronald, particulièrement la nuit, ont amené un résident à demander si la Ville peut restreindre ce trafic. Le maire a expliqué que seul le SPVM peut faire respecter les règlements sur les véhicules en mouvement. La Ville impose des restrictions sur le genre de camions permis dans ce secteur et la Sécurité publique peut enquêter si l'information concernant la lettre distinctive de la plaque (F ou L) lui est communiquée.

Le dernier intervenant a demandé si la Ville pourrait fournir des chaises extérieures permettant aux gens de s'asseoir et échanger tout en maintenant la distanciation sociale. Il a fait remarquer que cela se fait déjà à plusieurs endroits à Montréal. La conseillère Ulin a chaleureusement accueilli sa suggestion. Elle croit que ce serait une option à considérer pour l'automne, les parcs offrant amplement d'espace pour pratiquer la distanciation sociale pendant l'été.

Après les derniers points à l'ordre du jour, aucune autre question n'ayant été reçue, le maire a levé la séance.



First daffodils by the railroad, first magnolia blooms on Parkside and a sunset over Westminster. @ Julia Ross

COMING EVENTS / À VENIR

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Next deadline: May 5

April

Mon 26 Town Council meeting.
Online at: facebook.com/montrealwest. 8 pm.

May

Sat 1 Red Cross Babysitting (11years +). Continues May 2. 9 am-noon. **Red Cross Stay Safe** (9-13 years old). Continues May 2. 1-4 pm. A few spots left for the online course: montreal-west.ca or call 484-6186.

Wed 5 A history of rock and roll in 14 songs with Craig Morrison.
Email to sign up and receive zoom link: recreation@montreal-west.ca. 7 pm.

Tue 25 Municipal taxes due (first installment) / Échéance: taxes municipales (premier versement)

Mon 31 Town Council meeting.
Online at: facebook.com/montrealwest. 8 pm.



A feel good story

Last week, as we came in for business, we found a picture and note slipped under the door. It is a watercolor drawing of our store that one of our customers made last summer. She stated in the note that she and her daughter always enjoy looking at our windows and she captured her daughter as she looked in one day.

This heartwarming gesture from our customer, **Oriana Sutorius**, along with her

kind words have come during tough, uncertain times and needless to say it has made our day, week, month, year! We have tried very hard to be available to our customers in the last year with online shopping, delivery and curbside pickup. So this small gesture means so much to us. Oriana is a teacher at St. George's School.

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