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Ragweed alert

Regular mowing helps prevent ragweed from flowering and dispersing seeds.

Vinegar will effectively kill it within a few days. Once the weeds have wilted, grasp each one firmly with glove-covered hands and pull it upwards.

Goldenrod has single leaves and Ragweed has lobed or dissected leaves.



Ekaterina Valkova-Damova: Keeping the third place alive

by Maurice Krystal

Ekaterina Valkova-Damova has been the Head Librarian at the Montreal West Children's Library for the past three years. My brief online interview with her proved to me that even a pandemic will not slow down her plans to make the MWCL a centre for literacy. Located within Elizabeth Balfantyne School, it serves both the school and the MoWest community.

Born in Bulgaria, she studied Information Science and, after graduating, got her first library job to help set up the library in the British Council in Sofia. These Councils build relationships between the UK and other countries through the arts, culture, education and the English language.

She followed **Daniel Damov**, her husband, to Canada over 20 years ago when he decided to complete his studies in engineering at École Polytechnique de Montréal. He had some family in Toronto, but he also spoke French.

In Montreal, Ekaterina worked for various libraries and institutions while completing her Masters of Library Science at the U

de M. Her CV shows stints in various provincial library associations such as the president of the youth section of Association des bibliothécaires du Québec and on the editing committee of a monthly bulletin put out by *Corporation des bibliothécaires professionnels du Québec*. She also worked as the reference librarian at the Kirkland Library and ran book clubs in the after-school program at College International Marie-de-France. In 2018 she was part of a translation panel to translate, from English to French, **R. David Lankes' Expect More: Demanding Better Libraries for Today's Complex World**.

Her interest in library work became more focussed on children when she worked in the children's library in TMR (2008-11). She took the position at the Children's Library in March of 2018 because she was drawn to the challenges she perceived. It was a place that serviced both a school and a community. She was also drawn to MoWest, the staff and a large number of dedicated volunteers.

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The St. Pierre River's rights



The campaign to protect the endangered St. Pierre River took a new direction in April when the steering committee of *Les Amis du parc Meadowbrook* unanimously declared the waterway has legal personhood. The declaration states that the river has the legal right to exist, the right to flow, the right to freedom from pollution and the right to defend its rights in court.

A 200-metre stretch of the St. Pierre River that winds across the Meadowbrook golf course is one of the last visible sections of a waterway that once looped from the western slope of Mount Royal, through Côte Saint-Luc and Verdun to the St. Lawrence River near Nun's Island. Over the centuries, most of this historic river has been buried underground.

Currently, the St. Pierre enters the Meadowbrook property from a contaminated storm sewer. The contamination comes from crossed sewer connections in Montreal West and Côte Saint-Luc. In January, the Quebec Court of Appeal prohibited all water from this source, contaminated or not, from flowing on the golf course.

Once this source of water has been diverted, this stretch of the

river will be reliant on snow melt and rain and it will likely dry up.

In the spring, *Les Amis du parc Meadowbrook*, along with about 50 other organizations and individuals, wrote the mayor of Montreal about this matter. In April, her office replied that the city "has no choice but to construct a water line to carry all of the water from the Toe Blake sewer from the northern boundary of Meadowbrook golf course to its southern boundary. This work is scheduled to begin soon."

Inspiration

Now *Les Amis* has forged ahead with the declaration of legal personhood for the river. This step was inspired by the Minganie MRC and the Ekuanitshit Innu Council, which earlier this year granted legal personhood and rights to the Magpie River, located on the North Shore of the lower St. Lawrence River. While the concept of legal personhood for rivers is new to Canada, it has been implemented in several countries, including New Zealand and Ecuador. Meanwhile, the *International Observatory of Nature's Rights* is seeking recognition of legal per-

sonhood for the St. Lawrence River by Quebec's National Assembly.

Become a guardian

To become a guardian of the St. Pierre River, contact *Les Amis du parc Meadowbrook* at lesamisdemeadowbrook@gmail.com. To learn more about this issue, take a look at the group's website, lesamisdemeadowbrook.org, and sign up for the newsletter.

from Janice Hamilton



Mailbox

Assault at train station

[Ed. Note: the Kurkcuoglu family want you to know what happened to Eddy and how much they appreciate your support.]



Where to begin? July 3, 2019. My brother **Eddy Kurkcuoglu** was waiting at the Valois train station to travel to his jewellery store, *Bijouterie XO Jewelry*, in Montreal West.

There was construction going on at the station that week. A construction worker came up to him and started speaking.

Eddy was wearing headphones and, even before he could take them out, someone hit him from behind with a metal iron leveller. He fainted and fell onto the tracks; bystanders moved his body just before the train came. When the paramedics arrived, they took Eddy to the Montreal General where he had surgery to repair his injuries.

As a family, we have been living in hell... every day is a challenge. My mother and I have not worked since the assault. Eddy can't be left alone, suffers from severe PTSD, anxiety, depression, insomnia, mental break downs, has nightmares and even tried to kill himself; he

is seeing a host of doctors.

Eddy is no longer the man he used to be. The store was his life and passion, and his clients were like family.

The community already knows our mother **Ani Esmezyan**, the former owner of *Orchid Dry Cleaners*, and our father **Harry Kurkcuoglu**, a fourth-generation jeweller, who taught Eddy the jewellery business.

Still today, MoWesters ask about Eddy, are very sympathetic and have given us advice and moral and psychological support. We want to say thank you to you all!

from Natalie Kurkcuoglu



Congratulations!

Married in Montreal on June 5, 1971, **Jay and Peggy Garland** celebrate their 50th anniversary this year.



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100th anniversary of the Montreal West Cenotaph

In light of this special anniversary, *Veterans Affairs Canada* has awarded funding of \$4,751 to the Town of Montreal West, under the *Commemorative Partnership Program*.

This grant will assist with the costs of restoring the Montreal West War Memorial and Wall of Remembrance to help preserve a place of pride for future generations, a place to gather and reflect. This restoration will maintain an important visual reminder of our collective history.

Work started May 6.

Happy 100th birthday!

Long-time Montreal West resident **Laine Langvee** is celebrating a special anniversary this year. She turned 100 years old in April at her home in Burlington, Ont. But she still remembers fondly the more than 50 years she spent living on Campbell Ave.

Laine and her husband, **Fred**, moved to Montreal from England after the war. They were originally from Tallinn, Estonia. Fred got a job at *Alcan* and, in 1958, they started looking for a house.

Her son, **Allan Langvee**, says they lived in an apartment on Mountain St. in downtown Montreal when they went house-hunting in Montreal West. "They couldn't afford the house but fell in love with it once they saw it," he says. So, his father came up with a clever plan: "The lot beside the house (on the corner of Campbell and Ainslie) was also part of the sale. My father was able to make a simulta-

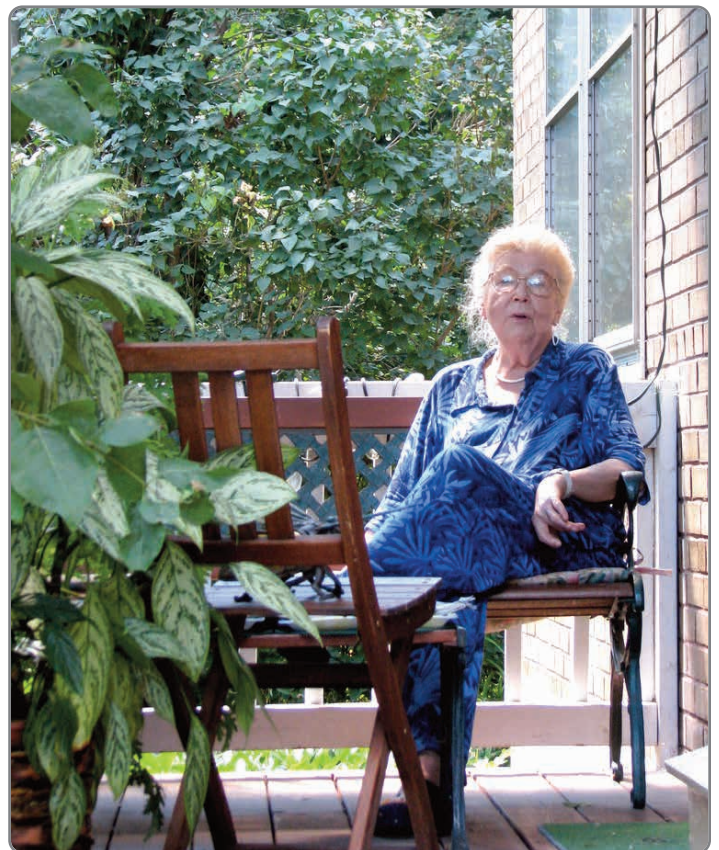
neous purchase and immediate sale of the empty lot in order to afford the down payment on 36 Campbell." They never regretted the purchase.

Laine's husband passed away 31 years ago. In 2009, she decided to sell the house to be closer to her sons, Allan and **Raoul**, her four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

It was not an easy decision, Allan says. "It became difficult for her to keep up the house alone and, as I live in Burlington, Ont., we felt it best to move her into a retirement residence here."

But his mother has thrived there, he says, even beating COVID-19 after contracting it at her residence. On April 28, the day she turned 100, Laine enjoyed a few glasses of champagne, some Estonian birthday Kringle and some Zoom calls with her family.

from Joanne Bayly



Mrs. Langvee is on the porch at 36 Campbell

Enviromental Action

Make a bee house!



Helpful and hard-working, “mason” bees get their name from using “masonry” products like mud to construct their nests. These guys give honeybees a run for their money by significantly helping plants reproduce, getting fruit trees and berry canes to increase their yield and pollinating flowers.

A larger presence of mason bees in an area can help counter the negative effects of the declining honeybee population and may be crucial to ensuring that nutritious foods such as almonds and melons continue to grow.

Unlike social honeybees, mason bees prefer a solitary lifestyle that involves nestling into small, dark cavities. This means all female mason bees are “queens,” but luckily not the “off with your head” type – they’re quite peaceful and unaggressive.

Fortunately for MoWest, we can collectively create welcoming homes for some industrious mason bees. They often nest in wood (specifically in holes created by insects, birds or nails) and fill them with mud

before laying eggs. You can buy a mason bee house or make one yourself!

One option is to use an untreated block of wood. With a 5/16-inch drill bit, make no more than 25 holes that almost reach the other side of the block, but do not go through. Make sure the holes are at least 6 inches deep and as straight as possible so

Tube bee house



Wooden bee house



that they do not connect. Tap out any leftover sawdust and make sure there are no splinters. Believe it or not, adding simple designs next to at least half the holes at the front of your bee house will help the bees remember where they are stationed (see photo).

Alternatively, you can stack a cluster of paper (not plastic!) straws or tubes into a waterproof milk carton with the spout cut off. For both options, using a hardware cloth of mesh wire prevents birds from getting at the bees.

The optimal location to mount the house is 6 to 7 feet off the ground facing south or southeastern sun exposure, preferably under an eave or some other type of shelter to prevent water from getting in.

To learn how to clean out your bee house in the fall, go to the *David Suzuki Foundation*: How to care for mason bees year-round. Bee houses need to be replaced every couple of years to keep them safe and clean.

For more information on mason bee houses and how to make them, visit *David Suzuki Foundation*: Choose the best mason bee home or make one or *Ecolandscaping.org*: Attract Mason Bees – No Protective Gear Needed. Feel free to reach out to us via the Montreal West Environmental Action Committee Facebook group with any questions!

from Haley Clarke-Cousineau

IODE

HMS Victory Chapter and the Wolseley triangle

When the new President of *IODE* National, **Carol McCall**, made her address she recalled her first meeting in the garden of one of the local members. It was memorable, a hospitable gathering filled with long-standing members making her feel most welcome.

As I recently became President of our local chapter, I too remembered the first meeting at **Janet King**'s house: the tea towels with the *IODE* initials embroidered in the three patriotic colours (red, white and blue), the two mini standards at the centre of the table (Canadian and British) and delectable sweets which I consumed out of sheer nervousness.

Soon I realized that sitting next to me was **Eileen Motton** who had been a member for over 70 years and was going to initiate me by bringing me down memory lane. She looked straight at me: “My mother-in-law and my aunt co-founded this chapter, and she lived across the street in that house 152 Wolseley. And you know who lives there now? **Moira Bettinville**, our Vice-President who has been living there for 43 years.” How coincidental!

And there is more, I thought. Next to Janet lives the daughter of another member from the *IODE* Gaspésie chapter.” Voila. The Wolseley triangle of *IODE* mothers and daughters, after all these years still serving the community and doing good deeds.

from Giuliana Pendenza

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Rotary and IODE



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Our successful initiative meant to show our dedication to the frontline healthcare workers with meals and snacks, provided by the local merchants, expanded throughout the year to include first responders, Resilience Montreal and now to the vaccine training centres.

For four consecutive days, we supplied the University of Montreal training centre with freshly baked cookies and brownies made by JJ's Salades Etc. This effort will continue for the rest of the summer, with deliveries to Decarie Square, Bill Durnham arena, the Emergency and ICU at the Jewish as well as to The Glen. Other suppliers will include DIZZ Bagel and R.E.A.L. Bagels.

The bravest amongst us must always know of our great appreciation for their steadfast service during this paralyzing pandemic.

Giuliana Pendenza
and Ron D'Souza

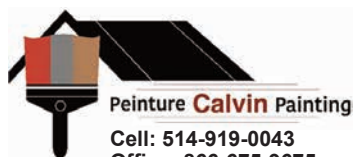
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Désirée McGraw:

Canada as a nature superpower in the fight against climate change



Désirée McGraw was introduced as a motivational and transformational speaker who has devoted her professional life to service and scholarship in helping with sustainability, equity and diversity in Canada and around the world. She is most proud of working with Al Gore on the *Climate Reality Project*.

Our speaker wished everyone a Happy Earth Day and said the wonky weather is attributed to climate change. She said Joe Biden hosted a climate summit and said the US would reduce CO₂ emissions by 50% by 2030. Canada said we would reduce emissions by 40-45% by 2030.

Earth Day, for the second year in a row, has been impacted by the pandemic and it could have a positive outcome. One of the freedoms Canadians miss is the ability to walk around outdoors after 8 pm. Reconnecting with nature will be the bright light at the end of the COVID tunnel for many Canadians.

Désirée asked whether we knew other nations that have an element of the environment on its flag? We are one of five countries that comprise 70% of the worlds remaining wilderness; 77% of land and 87% of oceans have been modified by the direct effects of human activities.

Désirée gained a greater appreciation for nature when the family moved to BC where she served as President of Pearson College on Vancouver Island. Nature is not only a refuge but also a recharger of wellness, both physical and mental. Désirée said training with Al Gore was transformative. She was watching the David Letterman show in 2006 after *An Inconvenient Truth* came out and Al Gore said he would train 1000 people to spread the word. That was what she would do. She signed up; was trained in Nashville and became one of 25 Canadians to spread the truth around Montreal. The demand was so high that she had to bring Al Gore to Montreal to train another additional 250 people to keep up with demand for speakers. They are still giving talks today and have spoken to 20% of Canadians.

Now or Never Time

This is a tremendous time to be at the forefront of conservation in Canada. It has been dubbed the Now or Never Time for nature. Nature is declining faster now than any other time in human history. Over 1 million



Désirée McGraw

species world-wide are facing extinction. Nature has been described as the sleeping giant in combating climate change. Nature can provide one third of the solutions to solving global warming. She read the quote "If we don't take care of nature, we can not take care of ourselves." 75% of all emerging infectious diseases come from wildlife when we destroy their natural habitats.

Désirée ended her talk by saying we need to harness three qualities and three groups: the wisdom of Canada's First Nations, ingenuity of youth and recruiting people from a range of fields with different expertise. She is excited to see what the next generation will do and does not believe in passing the buck. She knows we can do it and it is worth fighting for.

After numerous questions and just as many great answers Désirée was thanked for a timely talk that gives us an optimistic view and motivates us to do a tiny little bit as tiny little bits eventually add up

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 is a worldwide organization that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards and helps build goodwill and peace.

from Doug Yeats

Elizabeth Ballantyne School

Earth Day

EBS students celebrated Earth Day on April 22. It was a day to demonstrate support for the environmental protection of our beautiful earth.

Students read stories and wrote poems in their classrooms. Kindergarten students

created wonderful masterpieces made from recyclable materials, and Rooms 4 and 6 spent time picking up the litter around the school and in the community. Room 8 showed their support by flattening pizza boxes to be put into the compost bins.

Congratulations, EBS, for showing others the importance of taking care of our earth.

Virtual visit from Tandem

Members of Tandem, an anti-violence prevention program, spoke to the students in cycle 3 about promoting non-violent reactions to different situations.

They showcased different bullying scenarios and had the

students share how they would typically react. They provided students with a platform to talk about possible situations that may push them towards reacting violently, and taught them that violence should never be the answer.

Junior peacemakers in grade 4

Students in Room 7 were privileged to work with McGill's Junior Peacemakers over the course of 7 weeks, learning about global citizenship, sustainable development goals and youth activism.

They learned about the importance of taking care of our planet and caring for its people. These grade 4 students created posters promoting equality, they donated non-perishable food items to the *Old Brewery Mission* and they even wrote a collaborative letter to our government representative, suggesting solutions to poverty and climate change. Our grade 4 students are proud to be peacemakers!

from Kate Marien

Earth Day



Peacemakers



Ekaterina Valkova-Damova

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Her philosophy is that libraries must detect the needs of the community and be proactive. It cannot be merely a place that hands out reading material. Its function is to encourage and support literacy, especially in children. Children's libraries are part of the process of laying the foundations of reading habits. They form the future patrons of the adult library. Ekaterina referred to libraries as "the third place."

I had to do research and found the term comes from a work published in 1989 by **Ray Oldenburg** called *the great good place* (no capitals). The author postulates that to be emotionally (and physically) healthy we need three places: home, which should be safe and comforting, work/school, which should be consistent and satisfying, and a third place, which many now see as a library setting, which provides a low-stress environment, a levelled playground field, a collective and reciprocal character, and last but not least, a loose and detached structure.

Since the lockdown, the MWCL has found a way to continue. Most activities moved to the online model and bags of books were made available for pickup or delivered to those unable to come to the library.

From a high of 20 volunteers pre COVID-19, only two come in to do book bindery and repairs. The cataloging and online programming are done from home. Families who wish to browse the shelves are allowed in one family at a time. All COVID-19 hygiene protocols are enforced.

Getting ready for the future

In preparation for the return to normal times, two projects will be taking place: the installation of a ramp, (there are two steps at the entrance) and the installation of automatic opening/closing doors. This was made possible with the support of the *Vohra-Miller Foundation*, established by a former student of Elizabeth Ballantyne.

Work is underway to prepare for the spring and summer programs. Plans are progressing for courses in computer coding, crafts and cooking classes in French; however, they will take place only when the pandemic no longer presents a danger.

There will be the resumption of the popular Story Time in the Park. The *TD* Summer Reading Club will continue. It is meant to overcome the summer holiday gap in reading for children from 2-12. It challenges, rewards and asks questions with regard to the books read. Also, the Story Walk, initiated three years ago, will continue and hopefully expand to other parks in the Town. Individual pages from a book are displayed in Strathearn Park and children have to walk from one panel to another to read the entire story. It sounds like a busy schedule, pandemic or not.

Ekaterina and her family live within walking distance to the library in nearby NDG. Husband, Daniel, is an engineer working for *SNC Lavalin*, **Kamen** is graduating from the U de M with a degree in Psychology and is an *Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP)* ranked tennis player, and there is **Viktor** who is graduating from Marianopolis in Applied Science. He is also interested in playing the piano. I guess they all benefited from three good places!

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Edinburgh School



Grade 3s plant spinach



Grade 1 students enjoy their salad

Grade 4s plant snow peas April 2021



B.A.S.E. Garden Club

What do popcorn, kidney beans, wheat, rice and chick peas all have in common? They are all types of seeds! This spring at Edinburgh, kids in the Before and After School Enriched (B.A.S.E) Daycare program have been learning about seeds and got the opportunity to plant some!

Junior students (kindergarten, grades 1 and 2) planted lettuce and herbs in the school's indoor OGarden (which was purchased by the Home and School Association), and six weeks later they were able to harvest the greens to make a fresh salad for their lunches.

Older grades planted tomatoes, cucumbers, cucamelons, parsley and eggplant inside in April, which will be planted in the outdoor planter boxes once the weather warms up in late May.

One grade 4 group had an introduction to mason bees (complete with witnessing a mason bee emerging from dormancy!) and made paper tubes for Edinburgh's mason bee house.

Grade 3s and another grade 4 group planted spinach, radishes, snow peas and Swiss chard outside.

If all goes well (and we can keep the squirrels at bay!) we hope to be able to sample some of our harvest before school ends!

from Joanna Duy



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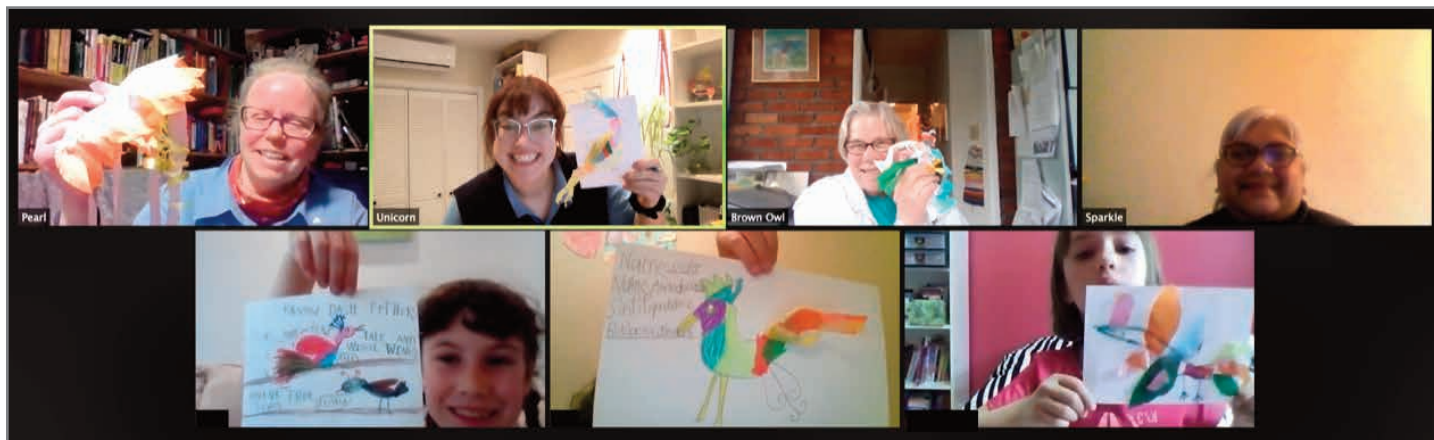
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Guiding



Sparks and Brownies



With the joy of the internet, the Sparks and Brownies welcomed **Kris McGee**, a mother, Guider and fulltime teacher in rural Ontario. She shared her experiences about her visits to all five of the World Centers. Although a few girls and leaders in our district have travelled to some of the World Centers, none have been to all five!

She started with Our Cabaña, located in Mexico. It was built 64 years ago. When you visit it, you have the option to camp in the back part of the property. They average six days of rain-fall a year.

Sangam, located in India, on the other hand, experiences six weeks of monsoon rains.

Although they are a world apart, these two World Centers

share many similarities. They were both built in the country, and have since been surrounded by cities. They are the only two to have a pool. Given how hot the climates can be, it is a nice way to cool down. Sangam has a cow and a water buffalo to help keep the grass "mowed."

Another Center Kris mentioned was Pax Lodge located in London, England. It is more like a hotel. There is no vast property associated with it. It is a wonderful home base for exploring London and surrounding areas.

Our Chalet, located in Adelboden, Switzerland, is the oldest at 89 years. The location in the Swiss Alps was chosen for its ease of access – 89 years ago, the thought of climbing up a mountain as being "easy," is a little different than our concept today!

The youngest of the World Centers is Kusafiri, at only 10

years. It is located in Africa, but not in any one country. Similar to the Olympics, it moves around. When an event or camp is to be held, a proposal is made to the *World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)* to see if it will be possible.

The three oldest Centers have something in common: a very special "employee" whose job is to keep the rodent population under control. They all have CATS!! Skippy is at Our Chalet; Nieve is at Our Cabaña and Swapn is at Sangam.

Earth Day celebrations

Each girl was given a collection of seeds, soil, an egg carton and a baggie to grow seeds in.

The egg carton was filled with soil, and some of the seeds planted. Some of the seeds were placed onto a dampened napkin and placed into a Ziploc bag

that was then taped to a window. The girls noticed how quickly the seeds germinated. The ones growing in the Ziploc bag allowed the girls to see how the roots develop at the same time as the plant. As the weather warmed up, the plants made their way outside!

Birds of paradise

Unicorn led a meeting on the birds of paradise in Papua New Guinea. The girls were fascinated to see the males' different styles of dance and their brilliant feathers. The males perform different mating dances that are quite spectacular!

The girls each created their own bird of paradise. While creating them, they had to make a name for their bird, decide its preferred food and type of mating dance. The girls were very creative!

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For Earth Day, the Guides learned how plastics that are not properly recycled, can end up in landfill or as part of the five “garbage patches”: one in the Indian Ocean, two in each of the Pacific and Atlantic oceans. These patches are formed by plastics making their way to areas near water sources which ultimately lead to the oceans.



Clara. Photo taken by Clara's mother

The ocean currents circulate like a whirlpool, creating gyres. The plastics get trapped into the gyres but do not necessarily form a mass that you can walk on.

Some of the plastic is very small, the size of a pencil eraser. The plastics are not all collected on the water's surface, but can go down as far as the ocean's floor, where they are a great risk to the marine life, and ultimately to us. The best way to help with

this problem is to reduce our use of plastics.

Physical selves

At another meeting, the Guides learned about their physical selves: how to measure their resting and active heart rates, different foods – the type for fuel and the type for fun. They were challenged to create their ultimate meal. Then, with a roll of the dice, their ultimate meal needed to be altered. Some now had to accommodate a guest with nut allergies and another who had Celiac disease.

The girls discussed how to reduce the waste generated around these meals. They were quite upset to know some produce is overwrapped. Many decided either growing the vegetables themselves or going to a farmers' market is a better option.

Yum, yum: mint cookies

Mint cookies are still available. The Public Library has some on hand. As well, feel free to contact either **Pearl/Christine (483-3303)** or **Brown Owl/Janet (481-6523)**. They can help satisfy your cookie craving while you help to support an amazing organization where girls have fun and explore new adventures.

Registration is ongoing

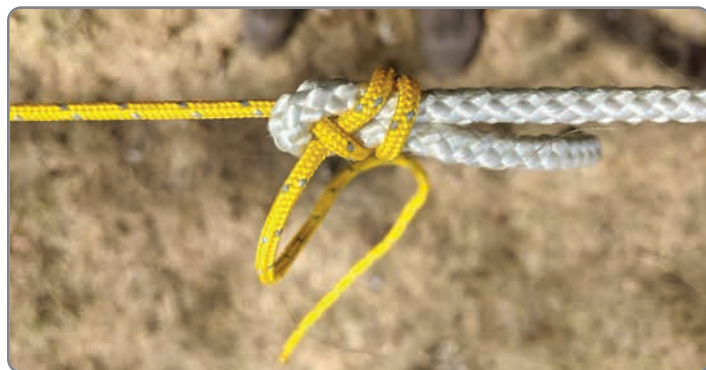
Please visit girlguides.ca for further information, or contact **Pearl (483-3303)** for more information about our local units.

from the MW Guiders



Rylee. Photo taken by Rylee's mother

Montreal West Scouts



Double sheet bend knot by Scout Ivan Stedl



Although we cannot meet in person, Scouts have been challenging themselves after each meeting to learn a new skill and to report on their experience at our next meeting.

Stringing a rope securely between two trees can be useful at camp to set up a drying line or a tarp for shelter. It is a bit trickier than it might sound, but Scouts effectively performed this challenge and presented photos of their work. We also worked on our compass skills, by establishing directions to an objective, based on compass readings and the numbers of paces walked in each direction.

The Scout Law indicates that “A Scout is helpful and trustworthy, kind and cheerful, considerate and clean, and wise in the use of all resources.” Part of the Scout Promise is to “Help other people at all times.” We emphasized this helpful theme recently, by challenging Scouts to take on a meaningful task that they had never done before, in order to help out around their homes. Taking on tasks at home, in a meaningful way, leads to a sense of growing responsibility and it is paid back by the appreciation of those around us.

from Andy Chapman

Scouting overview

The question is often asked: “Are you able to carry on with Scouting activities during the pandemic?” While we can not hold meetings, camps and hikes, the answer is definitely, “Yes!” As regular readers of *The In-*

former know, the MoWest Scout Group has remained very active over the last year.

Chair of the Board of Governors of Scouts Canada stated, “Scouting is needed now more than ever, perhaps more than it has ever been needed in the past. We hear stories all the time from people for whom Scouting is the only real opportunity they have to connect with others outside their family and classroom. We hear how Scouting provides them new challenges they can tackle, new skills they can learn and activities that drive them to try new things.”

We look forward to the day when we are able to, once again, participate in activities in person, but, in the meantime, we meet regularly via Zoom and do things that we otherwise would not normally do, but that are still within the Aims and Principles of Scouting: learning how to be good citizens of the world and by participating in fun activities.

Join us!

The Cubs (boys and girls, grades 3-5) meet every Wednesday, the Scouts (boys and girls, grades 6+) on alternative Wednesdays. We are happy to welcome new members. We do not, at the moment, have an active Beaver Colony (boys and girls in kindergarten and grades 1-2), but we can put you in touch with a virtual province-wide Colony. For information, please contact **Karen Johnstone** at 483-1152 or **Bob King** at 481-6523.

from Bob King



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MAYOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE TOWN OF MONTREAL WEST

We are pleased to report on the financial position of the Town of Montreal West. This report is a summary of the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020.

The financial statements for 2020 were presented at the Council Meeting of April 26. The external auditor gave an unqualified opinion, meaning that the statements accurately reflect the financial situation of the Town with no exceptions or concerns. The results showed an unprecedented operating surplus of \$2,573,049. Although we are pleased with the results, we are aware that these are one-off results which we likely will not see again for a couple of reasons.

First, they include the sale of the library lot and adjacent park which amounted to \$1.6M. And second, they included a one-time grant from the provincial government of \$503K to cover lost revenue and additional expenses related to the pandemic. Without the capital assets sale and the grant, the operating surplus would have been \$450K, which is 2.7% of our budget, and more in line with our typical surplus.

The following are some of the highlights.

Revenues

Operating revenues were \$533K over budget. In addition to the aforementioned \$503K government grant, other budget variances included:

- an additional \$418K in duties on transfers due to the increase in home sales and sale prices
- water taxes \$56K over estimate due to higher usage
- increased payments of \$43K in lieu of taxes for schools and other social service organizations
- permit fees \$26K higher due to the large number of building permits for renovation projects
- an additional \$22K in interest due mainly to bank interest and interest on arrears
- a loss of \$513K in Recreation revenue for programs which were cancelled due to COVID-19
- revenue from tickets \$42K lower due to fewer tickets being issued by the SPVM

MAYOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL POSITION (CONT'D)

Expenses

On the Expense side, total operating expenses were \$417K under budget. This was due to:

- a savings of \$511K in remuneration, due to the cancellation of recreation programs
- a decrease in other recreation costs of \$265K, related to the arena, parks, and program costs
- interest on long-term debt lower by \$80K due to decreased borrowing and favourable rates
- Public Work costs down \$75K related mainly to lower snow removal costs

However a few budget expense categories were higher such as:

- Public Hygiene which was \$37K higher than forecast, due to costs related to sewer repairs
- an increase in capital investments. As part of our Pay-as-you-go financing (see details below) we spent an additional \$142K on Capital Expenditures and \$344K for the reimbursement of our Working Fund. The Working Fund is a fund set up with surplus amounts from prior years which we use to fund various capital expenditures. We effectively borrow from ourselves and reimburse the fund over a maximum period of ten years. The fund currently stands at \$1.5M.

Capital expenditures

In 2020, the Town continued with its Pay-as-you-go financing of capital projects from our operations budget. When possible, Council prefers to fund certain projects this way rather than incurring more debt. This totalled \$526K and included:

- renewal and replacement of some of our vehicle fleet \$344K
- building improvements \$66K
- financing of the Percival infrastructure project \$45K
- park improvements \$32K
- office equipment \$28K
- traffic calming equipment \$11k

Debt

In 2019 the Town undertook a very large infrastructure project, redoing both Wolseley and Crestwood. This caused our net debt to increase by \$779K in 2020. Since we did the equivalent of two years infrastructure investment in 2019, we did not undertake any major new projects in 2020, and anticipate our net debt will decrease by approximately \$1M this year. Our net debt at year end was \$14.3M. The auditor pointed out that over the past seven years, the Town has been able to make capital investments totalling \$16M, while actually decreasing its net debt by over \$2M.

Long term finances

Council voted to appropriate the \$1.6M from the sale of the library lot to a special infrastructure fund to be used for future projects. In anticipation of an increase in our shared Agglomeration expenses due to COVID-19, Council also voted to appropriate \$260K from the surplus to balance the 2022 budget if necessary and offset potential property tax increases which may arise due to the Agglo increase. At year end, our unappropriated operating surplus stood at \$2.9M.

All the above strategies regarding capital investments, infrastructure renewal and debt management are in accordance with the Town's Strategic Financial Plan which helps guide Town Council and the administration in setting financial priorities and managing risk.

This has truly been an extraordinary year in so many ways, and Council wishes to express its appreciation to our Treasurer, Valentina Todoran as well as our DG, Raffaella Di Stasio, and all our Directors for their careful management of the Town's finances. They have had to adapt to changing rules, restrictions and working environments while always looking out for the best interest of the Town and its residents.

We are very pleased with excellent results of the 2020 Financial Statements; they have strengthened the long-term financial health of the Town. Full details of the financial results can be found on the website under Financial Reports: <https://montreal-west.ca/en/finance-administration/finance/budget-reports/>.

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AT LAST!

The day we thought would never arrive, finally did. On Monday, May 3, the Town of Montreal West announced that it was awarded a grant through the **Programme d'aide financière aux infrastructures récréatives et sportifs (PAFIRS)**. This grant, funded equally by the federal and provincial governments, provides a grant of \$12,556,727 for the construction of a new sports and recreation centre.

The project, which amounts to \$22.5M and financed in part by this PAFIRS grant, consists of the demolition of the existing arena, pool and chalet, and the construction of a new centre which will include a standard size indoor skating rink, several recreation and multi-purpose rooms, an outdoor swimming pool, a café-restaurant, a pro shop, off-street parking and landscaped green spaces. The Recreation Department will move their offices into the centre as well. Adapted for all, it will appeal to the young and the not so young. The new infrastructure will be safer and more accessible. In addition, the project will be carried out in a spirit of sustainable development by favouring environmentally responsible measures to limit energy and potable water consumption while balancing user comfort and budget constraints.

A few years ago, our initial grant application included a cultural component, i.e., the inclusion of the Montreal West Public Library (MWPL). But the mission of the PAFIRS program is uniquely to support sports and recreational infrastructures to ensure the practice of physical activities. Understanding this, Town Council adopted the resolution authorizing the second PAFIRS grant ap-

plication at our Council meeting in December 2019 and detailed the modified project on our website as of February 2020. Though the MWPL is not part of the new project, we have worked extremely hard with its board to secure alternate permanent accessible locations to meet its members' needs.

We are pleased with the PAFIRS grant because this financial assistance will allow us to build our Town of tomorrow, with an adapted, sustainable and universally accessible sports and recreation centre. This project is the culmination of remarkable efforts on the part of municipal employees and community organizations in our vicinity and will benefit both our residents and these organizations. By way of example, we already have partnerships with the EMSB that allow us to share our respective buildings. We also developed a relationship with the Habilitas Foundation (the foundation that supports the MAB-Mackay Rehabilitation Centre) and will work closely with it to ensure that our centre can be easily accessed by their users. And there are many other relationships with the different organizations in our community like the Montreal West Scout Group, the Rotary Club of Montreal West and

NDG and the various swim clubs and hockey organizations.

What's next? Among the first steps is to hire an architect to develop plans for the centre. This will happen in conjunction with consultations with different focus groups and users of the centre. Then we will launch our fundraising campaign. One of the key purposes of having a robust and successful campaign is to offset the capital costs of the centre and reduce the financial burden on the Town and its taxpayers. This campaign will have various levels of participation so that as many people as possible will be able to contribute and take ownership of this great new centre. Town Council will provide more information in the coming weeks and months with regards to fundraising and the financial aspects of this project.

And what timeline do we anticipate? We are all impatient to see this centre come to fruition after so many years of planning, discussion and grant applications. If all goes well, we should be able to break ground in 2022 and plan to open our centre in 2024.

We have developed a page on our website to keep you abreast of this exciting development for our project. Please visit: <https://montreal-west.ca/en/recreation/facilities-parks/sports-recreation-center-2-0/>.

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Sports and Recreation Center 2.0 project. Image from www.montreal-west.ca.





The old library building on Westminster South to be demolished. Photo @ Julia Ross



DEMOLITION PERMIT REQUEST FOR FORMER LIBRARY BUILDING

As part of the redevelopment project, *The Easton*, on Westminster S. at Avon, the developer has requested authorization to demolish the former library building located on the lot. This has initiated a process outlined in our Demolition By-law <https://montreal-west.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/2016-010-demolition.pdf> regarding the steps to be taken before any demolition permit request is approved.

Consultation with citizens is an important part of any demolition request. I would therefore like to outline the steps involved to ensure as many residents as possible are aware of the process.

- A demolition application must be filed by the owner of the property. This is given a preliminary review to ensure all required documents are present.
- A notice is posted on the land, easily visible to passers-by, and published in the newspaper. In the case of Montreal West, the local newspaper serving our area is *The Suburban*, and the notice was published April 28.

- Over and above the by-law requirement to publish the notice, an e-bulletin was sent out on April 29, a notice was put on the Town website and personalized letters were sent to residents on neighbouring streets explaining the process and asking for comments.

- In accordance with the law as adapted by the provincial government during the pandemic, any resident has 15 days following the public notice, i.e., before May 14, in which to make their opposition known in writing to the Town Clerk.

- Normally any objections would be taken into account by the Demolition Committee at a public meeting. Since we are in a red zone and a ministerial order prevents us from holding a public consultation, the new process allows for an extension of the written consultation phase by 15 days. Thus, a summary of the objections received by May 14 will be posted on the website, and further comments and questions will be accepted until May 30.

- The Demolition Committee can request a recommendation by the Planning Advisory Committee. The request was reviewed at the PAC meeting of May 5.

- After taking into consideration the comments of residents and the recommendation of PAC, the Demolition Committee will make a decision at the public Council Meeting of May 31.

The process is outlined in greater detail in a dedicated page on the on the Town website under Our Town: <https://montreal-west.ca/en/our-town/news/redevelopment-project-the-easton>. Comments can be made directly on the form available on the website, or by sending an e-mail to inspector@montreal-west.ca.

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RAPPORT DU MAIRE SUR LA SITUATION FINANCIÈRE DE LA VILLE DE MONTRÉAL-OUEST

Nous avons le plaisir de vous présenter le rapport sur la situation financière de la Ville de Montréal-Ouest. Ce rapport est un résumé de l'exercice financier se terminant le 31 décembre 2020.

Les états financiers pour 2020 ont été présentés lors de la séance du conseil du 26 avril. Le vérificateur externe a émis une opinion sans réserve, ce qui signifie que les états reflètent fidèlement la situation financière de la Ville, sans exception ni préoccupation. Les résultats montrent un excédent de fonctionnements sans précédent de 2 573 049 \$. Bien que nous soyons satisfaits de ces résultats, nous sommes conscients qu'il s'agit de résultats exceptionnels que nous ne reverrons probablement pas pour plusieurs raisons.

Premièrement, ils comprennent la vente du terrain de la bibliothèque et du parc adjacent, qui s'est élevée à 1,6 million de dollars. Et deuxièmement, ils comprennent une subvention unique du gouvernement provincial de 503 000 \$ pour couvrir la perte de revenus et les dépenses supplémentaires liées à la pandémie. Sans la vente d'immobilisations et la subvention, l'excédent de fonctionnements aurait été de 450 000 \$, ce qui représente 2,7 % de notre budget et correspond d'ailleurs à notre excédent habituel.

Voici quelques-uns des faits saillants :

Revenus

Les revenus d'exploitation ont dépassé le budget de 533 000 \$. En plus de la subvention gouvernementale de 503 000 \$ mentionnée ci-dessus, les autres écarts budgétaires comprennent :

- un montant supplémentaire de 418 000 \$ en droits sur les transferts en raison de l'augmentation des ventes de maisons et des prix de vente
- des taxes sur l'eau supérieures de 56 000 \$ à l'estimation en raison d'une utilisation plus importante
- une augmentation de 43 000 \$ des paiements en remplacement des taxes pour les écoles et autres organismes de services sociaux
- droits de permis 26 000 \$ de plus en raison du grand nombre de permis de construire pour des projets de rénovation
- un montant supplémentaire de 22 000 \$ en intérêts, principalement en raison des intérêts bancaires et des intérêts sur les arrérages
- une perte de 513 000 \$ en revenus de loisirs pour les programmes qui ont été annulés en raison de COVID-19

RAPPORT DU MAIRE SUR LA SITUATION FINANCIÈRE (CONTINU)

- une baisse de 42 000 \$ des recettes provenant des tickets en raison de la diminution du nombre de tickets émis par la SPVM.

Dépenses

Du côté des dépenses, le total des dépenses de fonctionnement a été de 417 000 \$ inférieur au budget. Cela est dû à :

- une économie de 511 000 \$ sur la rémunération, en raison de l'annulation de programmes récréatifs
- une diminution de 265 000 \$ des autres coûts de loisirs, liés à l'Aréna, aux parcs et aux coûts des programmes
- une baisse de 80 000 \$ des intérêts sur la dette à long terme, en raison d'une diminution des emprunts et de taux favorables
- une baisse de 75 000 \$ des coûts des travaux publics lié principalement à la diminution des coûts de déneigement. Toutefois, quelques catégories de dépenses budgétaires ont été plus élevées, notamment les suivantes :
- l'hygiène publique qui a été supérieure de 37 000 \$ aux prévisions, en raison des coûts liés aux réparations des égouts.
- une augmentation des investissements en capital. Dans le cadre de notre financement par répartition (voir détails ci-dessous), nous avons dépensé 142 000 \$ de plus en dépenses d'investissement et 344 000 \$ pour le remboursement de notre fonds de roulement. Le fonds de roulement est un fonds constitué de montants excédentaires des années précédentes que nous utilisons pour financer diverses dépenses en capital. Nous empruntons effectivement à nous-mêmes et remboursons le fonds sur une période maximale de dix ans. Le fonds s'élève actuellement à 1,5 million de dollars.

Dépenses d'investissement

En 2020, la Ville a poursuivi son financement par répartition des projets d'immobilisations à partir de son budget de fonctionnement. Lorsque cela est possible, le Conseil préfère financer certains projets de cette manière plutôt que de contracter davantage de dettes. Ces projets s'élèvent à 526 000 \$ et comprennent :

- le renouvellement et le remplacement d'une partie de notre flotte de véhicules (344 000 \$)
- l'amélioration des bâtiments (66 000 \$)
- le financement du projet d'infrastructure de Percival (45 000 \$)
- l'amélioration des parcs (32 000 \$)
- l'équipement de bureau (28 000 \$)
- l'équipement de modération de la circulation (11 000 \$)

Dette

En 2019, la Ville a entrepris un très grand projet d'infrastructure, en refaisant Wolseley et Crestwood. Cela a entraîné une augmentation de notre dette nette de 779 000 \$ en 2020. Comme nous avons fait l'équivalent de deux années d'investissement dans les infrastructures en 2019, nous n'avons pas entrepris de nouveaux projets majeurs en 2020 et prévoyons que notre dette nette diminuera d'environ 1M\$ cette année. Notre dette nette à la fin de l'année était de 14,3M\$. Le vérificateur a souligné qu'au cours des sept dernières années, la Ville a été en mesure de faire des investissements en capital totalisant 16M\$, tout en diminuant effectivement sa dette nette de plus de 2M\$.

Finances à long terme

Le Conseil a voté l'affectation des 1,6M\$ provenant de la vente du terrain de la bibliothèque à un fonds spécial d'infrastructure qui sera utilisé pour

des projets futurs. En prévision d'une augmentation des dépenses partagées de l'Agglomération due à la COVID-19, le conseil a également voté l'affectation de 260 000 \$ de l'excédent pour équilibrer le budget 2022 si nécessaire, et compenser les augmentations potentielles des taxes foncières qui pourraient survenir en raison de l'augmentation de l'Agglo. À la fin de l'année, notre excédent de fonctionnements non affecté s'élevait à 2,9M\$.

Toutes les stratégies ci-dessus concernant les investissements en capital, le renouvellement des infrastructures et la gestion de la dette sont conformes au plan financier stratégique de la Ville qui permet de guider le conseil municipal et l'administration dans la définition des priorités financières et la gestion des risques.

Cette année a vraiment été extraordinaire à bien des égards, et le conseil souhaite exprimer sa reconnaissance à notre trésorière, Valentina Todoran, ainsi qu'à notre DG, Raffaella Di Stasio, et à tous nos directeurs pour leur gestion minutieuse des finances de la Ville. Ils ont dû s'adapter à des règles, des restrictions et des environnements de travail changeants, tout en veillant toujours au meilleur intérêt de la Ville et de ses résidents.

Nous sommes très satisfaits des excellents résultats des états financiers 2020; ils ont renforcé la santé financière à long terme de la Ville. Vous trouverez tous les détails des résultats financiers sur le site Web, sous la rubrique Rapports financiers : <https://montreal-west.ca/fr/finance-et-administration/finances/budgets-et-rapports/>.

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ENFIN!

Le jour que nous pensions ne jamais voir venir est enfin arrivé. Le lundi 3 mai, la Ville de Montréal-Ouest a annoncé qu'elle avait obtenu une subvention dans le cadre du **Programme d'aide financière aux infrastructures récréatives et sportifs (PAFIRS)**. Cette subvention, financée à parts égales par les gouvernements fédéral et provincial, prévoit une somme de 12 556 727 \$ pour la construction d'un nouveau centre sportif et récréatif.

Le projet, qui s'élève à 22,5M\$ et qui est financé en partie par cette subvention du PAFIRS, consiste à démolir l'Aréna, la piscine et le chalet existants et à construire un nouveau centre qui comprendra une patinoire intérieure de taille standard, plusieurs salles récréatives et polyvalentes, une piscine extérieure, un café-restaurant, une boutique professionnelle, un stationnement hors rue et des espaces verts aménagés. Le service des loisirs déménagera également ses bureaux dans le centre. Adapté à tous, il plaira aux jeunes et aux moins jeunes. Les nouvelles infrastructures seront plus sûres et plus accessibles. De plus, le projet sera réalisé dans un esprit de développement durable en privilégiant des mesures écoresponsables pour limiter la consommation d'énergie et d'eau potable tout en conciliant confort des usagers et contraintes budgétaires.

Il y a quelques années, notre demande de subvention initiale comprenait un volet culturel, c'est-à-dire l'inclusion de la Bibliothèque publique de Montréal-Ouest (BPM). Mais la mission du programme PAFIRS est uniquement de soutenir les infrastructures sportives et récréatives pour assurer la pratique d'activités physiques. Comprenant cela, le conseil municipal a adopté la résolution autorisant la deuxième demande

de subvention PAFIRS lors de notre séance du conseil de décembre 2019 et a détaillé le projet modifié sur notre site web à partir de février 2020. Bien que la Bibliothèque Publique de Montréal-Ouest ne fasse pas partie du nouveau projet, nous avons travaillé extrêmement dur avec son conseil d'administration pour obtenir d'autres emplacements accessibles permanents afin de répondre aux besoins de ses membres.

Nous sommes heureux de la subvention du PAFIRS car cette aide financière nous permettra de construire notre ville de demain, avec un centre sportif et récréatif adapté, durable et universellement accessible. Ce projet est l'aboutissement d'efforts remarquables de la part des employés municipaux et des organismes communautaires de notre région et profitera à la fois à nos résidents et à ces organismes. À titre d'exemple, nous avons déjà des partenariats avec le CSEM qui nous permettent de partager nos bâtiments respectifs. Nous avons également développé une relation avec la Fondation Habilitas (la fondation qui soutient le Centre de réadaptation MAB-Mackay) et nous travaillerons en étroite collaboration avec elle pour faire en sorte que notre centre soit facilement accessible à ses utilisateurs. Et il y a beaucoup d'autres relations

avec les différentes organisations de notre communauté comme le Montréal West Scout Group, le Rotary Club de Montréal West et NDG et les différents clubs de natation et organisations de hockey.

Quelle est la prochaine étape? L'une des premières étapes consiste à engager un architecte pour élaborer les plans du Centre. Cela se fera en même temps que des consultations avec différents groupes de discussion et utilisateurs du Centre. Ensuite, nous lancerons notre campagne de collecte de fonds. L'un des principaux objectifs d'une campagne solide et réussie est de compenser les coûts d'investissement du centre et de réduire le fardeau financier de la ville et de ses contribuables. Cette campagne comportera différents niveaux de participation afin que le plus grand nombre de personnes possible puisse contribuer et s'approprier ce nouveau grand centre. Le conseil municipal fournira plus d'informations dans les semaines et les mois à venir en ce qui concerne la collecte de fonds et les aspects financiers de ce projet.

Quel échéancier prévoyons-nous? Nous sommes tous impatients de voir ce centre se concrétiser après tant d'années de planification, de discussions et de demandes de subventions. Si tout va bien, nous devrions pouvoir commencer les travaux en 2022 et prévoir l'ouverture du centre en 2024.

Nous avons créé une page sur notre site web pour vous tenir au courant de cette évolution passionnante pour notre projet. Veuillez visiter : <https://montreal-west.ca/fr/loisirs-et-culture/installations-et-parcs/centre-sportif-et-recreatif/>.

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L'ancien édifice de la bibliothèque sur Westminister Sud voué à la démolition. Photo @ Julia Ross



DEMANDE DE PERMIS DE DÉMOLITION POUR L'ANCIEN BÂTIMENT DE LA BIBLIOTHÈQUE

Dans le cadre du projet de redéveloppement *The Easton* sur Westminister S. au niveau d'Avon, le promoteur a demandé l'autorisation de démolir l'ancien bâtiment de la bibliothèque situé sur le terrain. Cette demande a déclenché un processus décrit dans notre règlement de démolition <https://montreal-west.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/2016-010-demolition.pdf> concernant les étapes à suivre avant l'approbation de toute demande de permis de démolition.

La consultation des citoyens est un élément important de toute demande de démolition. J'aimerais donc décrire les étapes à suivre pour que le plus grand nombre possible de résidents soient au courant du processus.

- Une demande de démolition doit être déposée par le propriétaire du bien. Celle-ci fait l'objet d'un examen préliminaire pour s'assurer que tous les documents requis sont présents.
- Un avis est affiché sur le terrain, facilement visible par les passants, et publié dans le journal. Dans le cas de Montréal-Ouest, le journal local qui dessert notre région est *The Suburban*, et l'avis a été publié le 28 avril.

- En plus de l'exigence du règlement de publier l'avis, un bulletin électronique a été envoyé le 29 avril, un avis a été affiché sur le site web de la Ville et des lettres personnalisées ont été envoyées aux résidents des rues avoisinantes pour expliquer le processus et demander des commentaires.

- Conformément à la loi telle qu'adaptée par le gouvernement provincial pendant la pandémie, tout résident dispose de 15 jours après l'avis public, c'est-à-dire avant le 14 mai, pour faire connaître son opposition par écrit au greffier municipal.

- Normalement, toute objection devrait être prise en compte par le comité de démolition lors d'une réunion publique. Comme nous sommes dans une zone rouge et qu'un arrêté ministériel nous empêche d'organiser une consultation publique, le nouveau processus permet de prolonger de 15 jours la phase de consultation écrite. Ainsi, un résumé des objections reçues avant le 14 mai sera publié sur le site web, et d'autres commentaires et questions seront acceptés jusqu'au 30 mai.

- Le comité de démolition peut demander une recommandation du comité consultatif d'urbanisme (CCU). La demande a été examinée lors de la réunion du CCU du 5 mai.

- Après avoir pris en compte les commentaires des résidents et la recommandation du CCU, le Comité de démolition prendra une décision lors de la réunion publique du conseil du 31 mai.

Le processus est décrit plus en détail sur une page dédiée du site web de la Ville, sous la rubrique Notre Ville: <https://montreal-west.ca/fr/notre-ville/actualites/projet-de-redeveloppement-the-easton/>. Les commentaires peuvent être faits directement sur le formulaire disponible sur le site web, ou en envoyant un courriel à inspecteur@montreal-ouest.ca.

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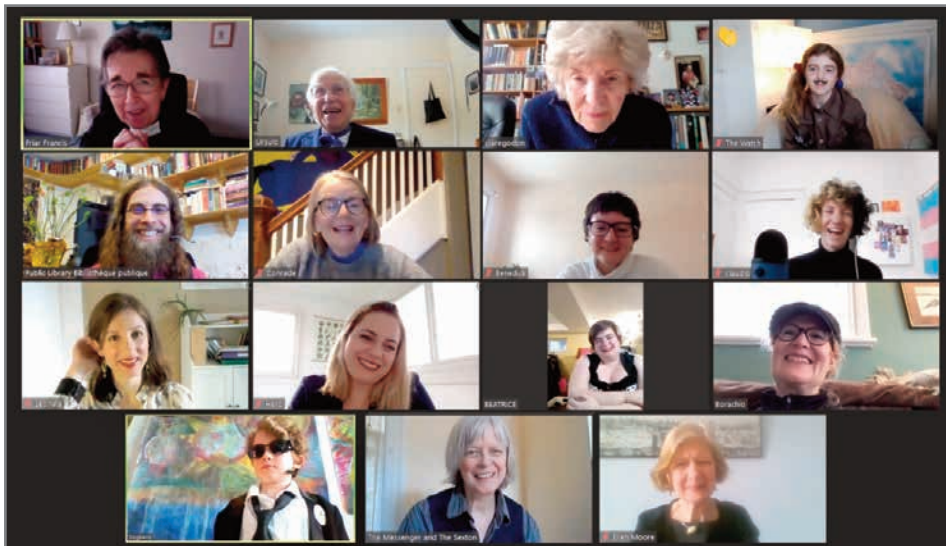


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Public Library - Bibliothèque publique



Coming soon, to a screen near you

Over the last nine months or so, we have been working extremely hard on the library's virtual production of Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*. The theatres may be closed, but last fall, we brought together an intergenerational acting troupe who rehearsed the play entirely online through Zoom. Supported in part by the *Kimberley Foundation*, our project is a finalist for the 2021 Intergénérations Québec competition. Complete with an original soundtrack performed by the cast, this story of love and confusion is pure entertainment. Details for our online premiere will be announced soon!

This play is packed with laughter and sorrow, and audiences will overflow with both outrage and delight. Young lovers fall into multiple plots, tricked by wicked villains and mischievous nobles. Adults of all ages get in on the fun, stirring up trouble by taking on disguises and deceiving the play's numerous spies. Misinformation abounds, leading virtuous characters down dangerous paths. Fortunately, the police force (played by children) are diligent in their investigative work, solving the case of the young woman who is "done to death by slanderous tongues." Come join our detectives as they solve the murder mystery and bring a happy resolution to this romantic comedy!

We overcame great challenges to rehearse online together and to film our actors individually in front of greenscreens. With a large cast, including everyone from children to seniors, every participant brought unique value to our project, and likewise had unique needs. We practised together in the gaps between work and school schedules, while we were up between bedtimes and naptimes. Our months of hard work

have paid off! Brought together on the digital stage, our cast dances and sings together, with the illusion laughing in harmony and bursting into furor synchronously.

In this socially distanced theatre production, no two actors shared a physical stage. However, for those who produced it, this initiative has been a valuable opportunity to socialize and participate in a collaborative creative project. We logged over 200 hours of Zoom meeting time in rehearsals which was tremendous fun for all involved. Cast members have described their participation in our project as revitalizing and therapeutic. It has been a great pleasure to practice together and to produce this play. We hope it will be as enjoyable for you to watch as it was for us to make!

COMING SUMMER 2021 MoWest Seniors Connecting through Stories: The Threads of Memory

We are very excited to announce a new program called "MoWest Seniors Connecting through Stories: The Threads of Memory" that is being supported by the New Horizons for Seniors Program by the government of Canada.

What I have read recently

review by Eli MacLaren

Montreal novelist opens boxes of the true past

Review of **Norman Ravvin**, *The Girl Who Stole Everything*
(Montreal: Linda Leith Éditions, 2019)

Among the new books at the Public Library is *The Girl Who Stole Everything*, the latest novel by the NDG writer, Norman Ravvin. It begins with Nadia, a UBC music student, leaving a Vancouver park one evening, thinking, "Theft. It had the power to reorder the world in interesting ways." Nadia is carrying a box that a friend has stolen for her from an auction house. Inside the box is a murder weapon from 1962, which was used to kill a shopkeeper – a Jew, her uncle.

The Girl Who Stole Everything is full of such boxes. Like Michael Ondaatje, Ravvin presents artifacts as rocks in the current of time, holding onto stories that would otherwise be washed away. These unlikely archives resist oblivion and the liberties that memory takes. Nadia's compulsion to learn more about her father's family draws her to the scene of the crime, where she meets Simon, the new owner of the shop, who is renovating it into a coffee-house. He too confronts artifacts that will draw him into a strange past, leading him to the Polish village of Radzanów, 100 km northwest of Warsaw, where his father was a boy and first fell in love.

The Girl Who Stole Everything unfolds with an unhurried pace and an affable, wry style. As in Alice Munro, every detail brims with significance. Ravvin opens up a strange, recognizable country, full of flaws that are endearing. It is a Canada with indistinct borders rooted deeply in hope.

If you have read something from your Public Library and would like to review it for us, please send it to mwpl.librarian@gmail.com.



Public Library - Bibliothèque publique

Here is where interested members of the community can participate by either telling their stories or interviewing community members so we can produce a digital archive. We will be reaching out to all members and residents in the coming weeks.

Did you ever want to learn how to use a video recorder, edit video, record audio? Did you ever want to hone your interviewing skills? Teach others how to interview? Did you want to tell some stories about growing up or about Montreal West in general? Now is the time; this project requires all these skills and more!

Dramatist Personae @ the Library

Building on the success of the virtual Shakespeare production we will be starting with a drama club (for people to enjoy reading plays together). No experience is required. The drama club will be online through ZOOM for now. Sign up will be required and we hope to meet once a week. The details will be posted on our website by the end of May.

CheckMates Club

As well as a drama club we will be starting an online chess club. More details will be available at the end of May on our website. Sign up, join with your mates and enjoy weekly games online.

Garden project

Did you know that we have a small area in the back that we will be turning into a

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green space? If you interested in working on this project, please let us know by emailing mwpl.libraarian@gmail.com

Tea and Books

Tea and Books will be continuing over the summer where we get together to discuss books we have read, and we have liked. Tea and books meet once a month on the second Wednesday of the month where usually themes are chosen in advance.

Tech help

Remember we still have tech help available for all patrons so if you are having trouble with printer, computer, tablet give **Dane** an email at mwpl.techhelp@gmail.com. Dane's new hours are Tuesday through Friday from noon to 6 pm.

Kosher corner

Summer is here

And with beautiful weather we can enjoy outdoor events and programs.

Pizza and Parsha

We are excited to have restarted the weekly Pizza and Parsha lunch for students at Royal West Academy. Chaya is also excited to bring back the popular Mommy and Me get togethers.

Summer season is also when many new families move into the neighborhood. Thanks to a kind donor, Chabad Westminster is now offering a complimentary Welcome Mezuzah for all new residents (while supplies last). Feel free to share with your new neighbors!

Challah Hug program

Another service to keep in mind is the Challah Hug program. Have a family member or a neighbor that can use a little extra love or you want to let them know your thinking of them? Send them a homemade Challah. Contact Free Hug right before Shabbat. Just email Chaya@chabadwestminster.com.

Of course, all ongoing Torah classes and events continue throughout the summer. Please stay tuned for updates on High Holiday services as we get closer.

If you would like to contact us for any of the above programs or events please call Rabbi **Mendy Marlow 632-9649** or email rabbi@chabadwestminster.com.

Have a great summer!

West End Quilters

The *West End Quilters* are still not tired of quilting and everyone is glad they have a hobby they love. We recently had a weekend virtual retreat and everyone enjoyed it so much that we have had other weekend sew days. Everyone can sew and chat and come and go and lots of quilting gets done.

Our online meetings have allowed two members, **Jean Towell** from Oakville and **Marilyn Clulow** from Sudbury, who have exhibited in our shows, to participate in all our activities.

Still, we are looking forward to some outdoor meetings when we will finally get to meet in person, our new member **Ann Smith**. In other years, after our

closing dinner in June, our meetings stopped until fall. This year, we are planning garden meetings throughout the summer, as well as continuing with some virtual get-togethers.

Guild challenge

Our guild challenge, "It's a New World" is due in May. We had to create in fabric something about how our lives changed. These works are secret until the big reveal.

If quilting interests you, contact **Mary:** marysdogbob@gmail.com and please check out our Facebook page ([westendquilters](https://www.facebook.com/westendquilters)) to see what we are up to.

from Mary Sutherland



Jean Towell's challenge for It's a New World

Children's Library

Summer activities

Book sale

Our spring book sale will take place on Saturday and Sunday, May 29 and 30. The stand will be set up outside, the library. Pass by to have a look and find treasures among the used books – donated or weeded from our collection. With a few exceptions, paperbacks are sold for 50 cents, and hardcover books, for \$1.

Mai – le mois de la BD

Les bandes dessinées sont à l'honneur au mois de mai! Pour une 10^e année de suite, du 28 au 30 mai, le « Festival BD de Montréal »



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TD Summer Reading Club

The TD Summer Reading Club, as usual, will offer a big variety of reading challenges, games, activities on the theme – Game on! Same as last year – when the theme was chosen in tune with the Summer Olympics – the theme makes it possible to explore all kinds of games – sports, video, board games.

Registration starts as early as June 15, however the activities organised by the library will begin on June 28.

This year, we will need to adhere to a virtual format for most activities, but we hope to be able to get together in Strathearn Park for our popular Mother Goose in the Park. Please consult the website for up-to-date information.







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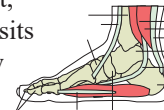


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Quebec Intergenerational Week

Intergenerational engagement, bringing together young people with older people on a digital platform or in person has a positive effect for all involved. Dance, exercise, story telling, reading and skill sharing (language, knitting, technology, gardening) are a few ideas for intergenerational activities.

May 23 to May 29, is Quebec Intergenerational Week. In 2012, May 25 was officially declared "Friendship has no age Day" by Quebec's National Assembly. The purpose of this day is to pay tribute to the commitment of all the professionals and volunteers who work to bring together older people with younger people in purposeful and meaningful ways. This is why Intergenerations Québec celebrates and promotes Quebec Intergenerational week and recognizes exceptional intergenerational projects each year at the end of May.

In 2021, the Montreal West Public Library's "Virtual Shakespeare" project is a finalist in the "artistic category" of Intergenerations Québec's annual contest. Fun fact: two of MoWest United Church's Extra Miles senior visiting program's intergenerational programs are award winners in Intergenerations Québec's annual contest.

Intergenerational programs enhance the quality of life across multiple areas: cognitively, healthwise and civically, including the reduction of isolation and an improved sense of belonging, of community and responsibility. What are we already doing that we can do a little differently to include intergenerational connections?

from Tracie Swim
MWUC's Extra Miles senior visiting program,
Coordinator West-end Intergenerational Network (WIN),
Member of the MW MADA

News from the pews

St. Ignatius of Loyola

Despite the pandemic – or perhaps because of it – this has been a transformative year at St. Ignatius of Loyola. Thanks to digital media, we have been able to reach hundreds of new people from as far away as Australia and as close as right down West Broadway! We invite you to give us an opportunity to show you what's new. Check out our website and visit our YouTube page for live streamed masses and inspirational videos. And take a look at our children's program, "Catch the Wave," updated every Sunday with weekly resources and regular Zoom gatherings! stig.ca.

Feast of Pentecost

This Sunday, May 23, will be extra-special as we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. Join the live stream at 10 am to share in this joyful experience.

Best of all, there's still time to sign up for our online Alpha program, now starting its 11th season. We like to say that Alpha is for anyone who wants to explore life's big questions. It has touched the lives of hundreds of people since we started it in 2017. Come as you are and check it out! No cost, no obligation, but you'll discover friendly companionship and interesting topics. Alpha begins May 26 and continues on Wednesday evenings through the summer: stig.ca/alpha.

from Rebecca Malone

MW United

...the brick one

What's up the road ahead?

You would think we would all be used to it by now – living with restrictions. As we find COVID encroaching into our circles, we surely need to stay safe. But here comes another summer and we still don't know how to predict what's ahead. Without any certainty about what plans to proceed with and which to hold in limbo – well you can be forgiven if you feel like screaming "I've had enough and I'm not going to take it any-

more!" It may release some steam, but it won't likely change anything else. Still, releasing steam has its benefits.

Vaccines, variants and vacation...

So planning is challenged. At MW United, we have said we would not gather for in-person worship until at least September. Our on-line services will continue until we close for vacation for August resuming after Labour Day. By then, one can hope that the vaccines have been largely distributed, that they hold up against the variants as they develop, and that we have somehow given ourselves a change of pace that has refreshed our souls.

Here's a bit of hope to hold onto – should the variants resist our current vaccine options, apparently these vaccines might be easily adapted to tackle the "new guys." We've got a lot more science on our side for this pandemic.

Hankering for hugs

If you've already hugged a tree, you know there can be something strangely satisfying about it. Although not the same as a person, it's still a living breathing thing, connected to the earth and solid. Grounding even. But don't take my word for it.

Labyrinth walking

Our temporary Labyrinth is still in place on the Ballantyne lawn, despite strong winds this spring. It remains there for now, so avail yourselves of it any time. Now there's a place to release some steam, or query what to do about....

Keep on carrying on. Keep on being kind. Keep on being safe.

from Susan Upham

St. Philip's

St. Philip's continues for now with our online worship, every Sunday at 10 am on the GoToMeeting platform. The link is pinned to the top of our Facebook page. Most recently, we have enjoyed music by the *West End Jazz Project*, which includes our own Joan Fenner, to enhance our worship. We hope to resume in-person worship over the summer, and our plan for September is to resume the regular 8 and 10 am schedule, with the 10 am service also being available online. Please check our Facebook page for the latest updates.

We also have occasional online Evenings. The next will be on Thursday, June 3 at 7:30 pm, for the Feast of Corpus Christi. Again, please check Facebook for the link.

Community garden

With the arrival of spring, our community garden is bursting forth. We will be adding two more raised beds for herbs and vegetables. The oregano, chives and sorrel are already up and green; anyone is welcome to pass by and pick some. We also hope to add a few more fruit trees.

Refugee sponsorship

Our second refugee sponsorship (jointly with St. Thomas' Church) is moving forward. The family, a mother and son who fled the Rwandan genocide, has been approved by the Canadian government. Unfortunately, the pandemic has so far prevented their traveling, but we hope they will arrive by the end of the year.

from Fr. Jim Pratt

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Murder Mystery Saturday, June 12 Starting at 2 pm

Free; residents only; registration required. This is an in-person event, find clues around Town and solve the mystery. Who can participate? Anyone who dares... adults, teens, families (kids 8+).



La fête nationale du Québec Celebrations June 23 Details coming soon!



Canada day Thursday, July 1

Contests, Pop Ups, details coming soon!



Town Chase Yes, July 1

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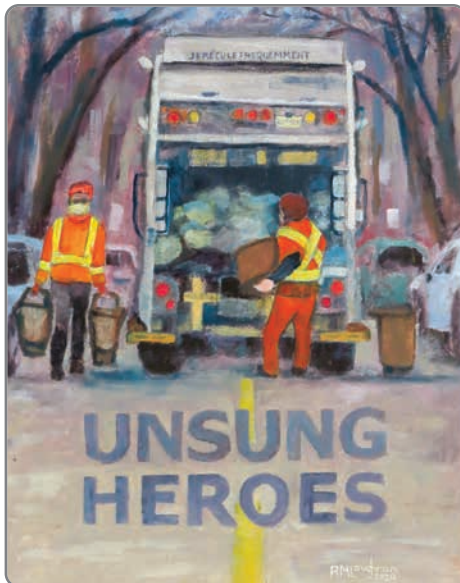
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Spring-summer Artists' Showcase

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.

Unsung Heroes by Rose Marie Loughran



Bootcamp

A new outdoor program will be offered with our very own **Ken Drummond**. It will be held rain or shine in a bootcamp style format at Davies Park on Monday and Thursday from 7-8 pm starting May 31.

What is bootcamp?

In most cases, you can expect to do calisthenics – such as pull-ups, push-ups, squats, lunges and crunches – as well as drills and sprints. Some include specific resistance or strength training workouts. A boot camp workout is basically a type of high-intensity interval training (HIIT) – bursts of intense activity alternated with intervals of lighter activity. A boot camp workout also can include functional fitness, such as using whole-body, multi-joint exercises that simulate movements people do in life.

Benefits of a bootcamp workout

The goal of a fitness boot camp is to provide a whole-body workout that builds strength and aerobic endurance.

Join Ken and be assured he will put you through a great intense workout!

If you are interested in this program, please go to our website montreal-ouest.ca to register or call **484-6186**. Limited spaces available!

Adult fitness programs

Summer adult fitness programs are online and registration is starting now. Programs will be offered outside (weather permitting and via Zoom, if rain) in various parks of the Town.

Programs such as TRX, stretch, Essentrics, Zumba, Reach and yoga will be offered morning and evening. For more information on pricing, times and days, please check Town website at montreal-west.ca or call **484-6186**.

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Town Council meeting: April



by Carol Foster

Mayor Masella's report, originally published in the April-May, 2021, issue of *The Informer*, included the announcement of the continuing upgrading of Davies Park. Council is contemplating the addition of a gazebo which could not only be a place to rest in the shade but could serve as a stage for the Town's many summer events.

Having heard from varying opinions about the opening of the Town's recreational installations during the third wave of the pandemic, the Mayor stated that the recommendations and obligations of the public health authorities are always being followed. He urged the users to abide by these regulations and reminded everyone that only the SPVM is mandated to enforce these rules.

Councillors' reports

Councillor Mazzone promised a very short report and short it was. No serious crimes have been recently reported, a garbage complaint in the commercial area was investigated, a fine was issued for the removal of a private tree, and residents are reminded to obey the parking regulations in place during the street sweeping season.

Spots in summer programs are filling up rapidly and word from the government is awaited before a decision can be made about the opening of the pool according to

Councillor Ulin. The on-line artist showcase will feature "Unsung Heroes" and a grant of \$4,700 has been received, from the *Commemorative Partnership of Veteran Affairs*, for the restoration of the cenotaph in honour of its hundredth anniversary.

Councillor Feeney had some unusual financial news to present. The Town's Financial Report for 2020, which is now posted online, shows an unprecedented surplus for 2020 of \$2,750,000. The sale of the library lot for \$1,600,000 as well as an unexpected grant from the provincial government of \$503,000 for lost revenue and unexpected expenses due to Covid-19 accounted for this surplus which has never been seen before and likely will never be seen again. (The Town's average surplus is in the vicinity of \$450,000.) The money from the sale of the library lot will go into a special infrastructure fund.

The usual spring cleanup, installation of seasonal traffic deterrents and pothole repairs continue for the Public Work's staff. Councillor Torres included the news that the dog park will be closed for three weeks in May for a variety of clean up and repair issues. The date for the annual hazardous waste collection is still to be determined and will be announced on the Town's website. Councillor Torres also invited residents to have a look at the Town's new Waste Management Policy available on the website.

Question period

Council agreed to consider several of the suggestions made during question period. These included:

- Adding the red sugar maple to the list of trees available to residents
- Allowing election voting by mail in the coming municipal elections.
- Permitting the use of electric leaf blowers only and with no seasonal limitations.

However, Council **will not** consider some other queries which were raised. These included:

- Providing an online registration process for reserving time slots for use of the basketball court due to the many difficulties that would be encountered.
- Scheduling major repairs to streets not yet approved by the Quebec government.
- Eliminating the need for permits for any window replacement or any type of excavation.
- Permitting garage sales while Covid-19 restrictions are still in place.
- Having the Town organize or participate in some outdoor cleanup events (which, although a good idea, would be prohibited by the Blue Collar's collective agreement.)

Other questions elicited further information from Council.

When asked how traffic will be affected when the Easton project begins, the Mayor explained that once the application for a demolition permit has been granted and the work has begun, the community will be kept well informed. Information will continually be updated on the Town's website during the different phases of the development.

The prospect of a day camp, with a capacity for a very large number of children, operating on the premises of the Presbyterian Church, is raising some concerns in that neighbourhood. Councillor Feeney indicated that private property is zoned for activities such as this one. However, once a permit is received, the operation will have to adhere to the Town's nuisance bylaws governing such things as noise and garbage. Should a problem occur, the Town can look into it.

According to a resident living on Ronald Drive, this street has become more congested with traffic and more dangerous because of speeding. Part of this problem is due to the fact that it is now the only access apartment owners on Brock South have to their garages. He would like the access from Brock South reopened. The Town realizes this is a problem and is using radar to monitor the traffic. The Town is also continuing to follow very closely the traffic problems in this area caused by the new development on St. Anne de Bellevue and will keep residents informed of any new agreements or decisions.

The last question was one that has been asked many times in Council by a senior resident who uses a cane and is alarmed by the many bicycles he encounters on the sidewalks on Westminster, especially when the Town has a bylaw which forbids this.

The usual reply, in the past, has always been that there is little the Town can do to enforce this bylaw since the PSOs cannot issue a ticket for a moving vehicle violation. However, Councillor Mazzone stated this time that "bike-riding is not permitted on the sidewalks, period!" Councillors Feeney and Mazzone, in an article in *Council Communiqué* in the April-May issue of *The Informer*, asked for co-operation from the community in keeping all the Town's sidewalks unobstructed and are considering an awareness campaign.

Items under "Contracts and Town Clerk's Office" included the Town's agreeing to support the definition of anti-Semitism as put forward by the *International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance*.

Following last year's cyber attack, the Town's insurance company has recommended the Town's employees follow an online course to learn ways to keep their computers safe.

The meeting was then adjourned.



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Réunion du Conseil : avril



par Carol Foster
traduction par René Boucher

Le rapport du **maire Masella**, initialement publié dans le numéro d'avril-mai 2021 de *The Informer*, comprenait l'annonce de la mise à niveau continue du parc Davies. Le Conseil contemple l'ajout d'un kiosque qui serait non seulement un endroit ombragé où se reposer, mais aussi une scène pour les nombreux événements estivaux de la Ville.

Ayant entendu de nombreuses opinions pour et contre l'ouverture des installations récréatives municipales pendant la troisième vague de la pandémie, le maire a déclaré toujours suivre les recommandations et obligations des autorités de santé publique. Il a incité les utilisateurs à observer les règles et a rappelé que seul le SPVM est mandaté pour l'application de ces prescriptions.

Rapport des membres du Conseil

Le **conseiller Mazzone** a promis un rapport court et a tenu parole. On n'a rapporté aucun crime grave récemment, on a enquêté sur une plainte concernant des ordures dans le secteur commercial, une amende a été imposée pour l'abattage sans permis d'un arbre en propriété privée et Mazzone a rappelé aux résidents d'observer les restrictions au stationnement pendant la saison du nettoyage des rues.

Les places dans les programmes d'été se remplissent rapidement alors que l'on attend les directives gouvernementales pour décider de l'ouverture de la piscine, selon la **conseillère Ulin**. La Vitrine artistique virtuelle portera sur les « Héros méconnus » et le programme *Partenariat pour la commémoration d'Anciens Combattants Canada* a versé un subside de 4700 \$ pour la restauration du cénotaphe à l'occasion de son centième anniversaire.

La **conseillère Feeney** avait des nouvelles financières inhabituelles. Le rapport financier de la Ville, maintenant en ligne, affiche un surplus sans précédent de 2 570 000 \$ pour 2020. La vente du terrain de la bibliothèque pour 1 600 000 \$ et une subvention inattendue de 503 000 \$ du gouvernement provincial pour perte de revenus et dépenses imprévues dues à la COVID-19 expliquent cet excédent jamais vu et probablement jamais revu à nouveau (le surplus moyen de la Ville se situe à environ 450 000 \$). Le produit de la vente du terrain de la bibliothèque sera versé à un fonds spécial pour infrastructures.

Le nettoyage printanier habituel, l'installation des mesures d'apaisement de la circulation et la réparation des nids-de-poule se poursuivent aux Travaux publics. La **conseillère Torres** a ajouté que le parc

canin serait fermé pour trois semaines en mai pour nettoyage et réparation. La date de la collecte annuelle de matières dangereuses demeure à déterminer et sera annoncée sur le site Web de la Ville. La conseillère a aussi invité les résidents à prendre connaissance de la nouvelle Politique de gestion des matières résiduelles sur le site Web.

Première période de questions

Le Conseil a convenu d'examiner plusieurs questions soulevées pendant la période, dont :

- Ajouter l'érable à sucre rouge à la liste des arbres offerts aux citoyens;
- Permettre le vote par courrier lors de la prochaine élection municipale;
- Permettre d'utiliser les souffleuses à feuilles électriques seulement, sans restrictions saisonnières.

Par contre, le Conseil ne se penchera **pas** sur d'autres points soulevés, dont :

- Offrir la réservation en ligne pour réserver du temps au terrain de basketball, en raison des nombreuses difficultés que cela poserait;
- Programmer des réparations importantes à des rues non approuvées par le gouvernement de Québec;
- Éliminer le besoin de permis pour le remplacement de fenêtres ou tout type d'excavation;
- Permettre les ventes-débaras malgré les restrictions COVID-19 toujours en vigueur;
- Que la Ville organise, ou participe à, des corvées de nettoyage extérieur (bien que l'idée ait du mérite, elles seraient interdites par la convention collective des Cols Bleus).

D'autres questions ont généré plus de renseignements de la part du Conseil

Quand on a demandé comment le début des travaux du chantier Easton affecterait la circulation, le maire a expliqué que la population serait bien informée une fois le permis de démolition accordé et les travaux enclenchés. L'information sera continuellement mise à jour sur le site Web de la Ville au cours des différentes phases de développement.

La perspective d'exploitation d'un camp de jour avec un grand nombre d'enfants à l'église presbytérienne suscite des préoccupations dans le voisinage. La conseillère Feeney a indiqué que le Règlement de zonage permet ce genre d'activité à cet endroit. Cependant, après l'octroi d'un permis, l'exploitation doit respecter le règlement concernant les nuisances, lequel régit le bruit et les ordures. Si un problème surgit, la Ville pourra faire enquête.

Selon un résident de la promenade Ronald, la circulation dans sa rue est plus congestionnée et plus dangereuse en raison

de la vitesse. Une partie du problème est due au fait que Ronald offre maintenant le seul accès aux garages des appartements situés sur Brock Sud. Il souhaiterait la réouverture de l'accès Brock Sud. La Ville est consciente du problème et utilise un appareil radar pour surveiller la circulation. La Ville continue aussi de suivre de très près les problèmes de circulation dans le secteur découlant des nouvelles constructions sur Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue et tiendra les résidents informés de toute nouvelle entente ou décision.

La dernière question en est une soulevée nombre de fois au Conseil par un résident âgé qui se déplace à l'aide d'une canne et est apeuré par les nombreux vélos sur les trottoirs de Westminster, particulièrement alors que la Ville a un règlement qui interdit cette pratique.

Antérieurement, la réponse habituelle a toujours été que la Ville ne pouvait faire grand-chose puisque les ASP ne peuvent émettre de constats pour des infractions de circulation. Cependant, le conseiller Mazzone a déclaré cette fois que « circuler à bicyclette sur les trottoirs est interdit, un point, c'est tout ! » Dans le *Communiqué du Conseil* dans l'*Informer* d'avril-mai, la conseillère Feeney et M. Mazzone ont demandé la collaboration de tous pour garder les trottoirs de la ville dégagés; ils considèrent lancer une campagne de sensibilisation.

Sous « Contrats et Greffe », on retrouvait l'adoption de la définition d'antisémitisme promue par l'Alliance internationale pour la mémoire de l'Holocauste.

Comme suite à la cyberattaque de l'an dernier, la compagnie d'assurances de la Ville a recommandé que le personnel de la Ville suive un cours en ligne pour apprendre à garder leurs ordinateurs en sécurité.

La séance était alors levée.



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Kindness Rocks

The EBS cycle 3 students have created Kindness Rocks with hand-painted quotes. They will be placing them throughout the community in order to remind everyone that KINDNESS ROCKS! Should you stumble upon one of these beautifully painted items, be sure to visit the indicated website for more information on what kindness should look like. Feel free to keep the kindness rock, or leave it where it is for someone else to discover.



La fête nationale à Montréal-Ouest

Thème : Tissé Serré

Concours de pavoisement des maisons et des commerces / Merchants and House decorating contests
Submit photos online before by 6 pm June 23 (il y aura des prix, there will be prizes!).

Online activities

Register on Amilia. Go to the website for more info / Incrèvez-vous sur Amilia

12 h

Hommage au drapeau et discours patriotique

13 h-13 h 30

Storytime with local Quebec author

Pat Nicholson

Montreal West Children's Library and Public Library will be promoting Quebec authors

14 h-15 h

Conference : Québec Tissé Serré (history, cultures and traditions).

Speaker **Bruno Stenson**

15 h 30-16 h

Kite making / fabrication de cerf-volants

16 h-17 h

Conference : Musical history and influences of Quebec presented by **Sean Dagher and Jonathan Moorman**

18 h 45-19 h 45

Family Quiz Night / soirée quiz

20 h-21 h

Swindlers spectacle de musique



Canada Day

Decoration contest

Three categories: House, Chalk and Pet! (submit online by 6 pm July 1)

Town Chase

Two categories: Family or open
Staggered start times: 9:30-11:30 am
Free for residents. Rain or shine.

MUCH MORE COMING SOON!

COMING EVENTS / À VENIR

Please call the editor: Heather at 489-7022
or e-mail: montrealwestinformer@gmail.com

Next deadline: August 11

May

- 29 Sat Bike Safety Event.** Free; residents only; registration is required. 1-3 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.

June


- Sat 12 Murder Mystery.** Free; residents only; registration is required. Starting at 2 pm.
Thu 23 La fête nationale du Québec
Mon 28 Town Council meeting.
Online at: facebook.com/montrealwest. 8 pm.

July

- Thu 1 Canada Day and Town Chase**
Sat 12 Duathlon. Hodgson Field. Free, registration required.
Sun 25 Final worship service online.
Closed August-September 7. MW United Church.

August


- Fri 27 Municipal taxes due (second installment) / Échéance: taxes municipales (deuxième versement)**
Mon 30 Town Council meeting.
Online at: facebook.com/montrealwest. 8 pm.




Meurtre et Mystère

QUI L'A FAIT?

Appel à tous les détectives! La ville de Montréal-Ouest a besoin de votre aide. Veuillez nous rejoindre **le dimanche 12 juin** à partir de 14h pour découvrir le mystère. Soyez prêt à parcourir le ville à la recherche d'indices afin de résoudre le mystère. Inscrivez-vous sur Amilia. Conseillé pour les adultes et familles avec des enfants âgés 8+.





Murder Mystery

WHO DONE IT?

Calling all detectives! The Town of Montreal West is in dire need of your help. Please join us on **Sunday June 12th**, starting at 2pm, to uncover the mystery. Be ready to find clues around the town to solve the mystery. Sign-up via Amilia. Recommended for adults and families with children 8+.

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