

# MoWest's desire to preserve its character

by Maurice Krystal

Most of the people I have interviewed for *The Informer* over the past 17 years, as well as neighbours, have said they moved to our small town because they fell in love with the atmosphere of the neighbourhood. Many have described it as “a village atmosphere only a short train ride to downtown Montreal.” Some have mentioned the green spaces and it being a “garden town”. The neighbourhood character of MoWest represents the personality of the majority of its residents. Of course, that personality has changed over 100 years since this small berg was incorporated.

The Town began as a fairly insular enclave of upper management executives of the *Grand Trunk Railway* who built their mansions south of the tracks. The almost exclusive Anglo-Saxon population has become more multi-ethnic over the past decades. Attitudes have evolved as well. Even a small issue such as the garbage collection rules in MoWest, even into the late 60s, reveals a lot. From old *Informer* articles, it was noted that

garbage cans must be always kept out of sight and the collectors would return the bins back to the rear or side of the house. Maybe some today regret the plastic bins littering the sidewalk after a collection truck makes its way up and down our streets. But it's no longer a priority.

While character is multi-faceted either of a town or an individual, this article will focus strictly on the architectural atmosphere.

## Architecture = distinctive atmosphere

On-line research says that the architecture of structures in an area is the prime factor in creating a distinctive atmosphere. It works when there is a balance between repetition and monotony. This involves a building's height, mass/volume, setbacks from the street or property line, architectural period, materials

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Photo: John Kenney



## The MoWest Turtle Island Truth and Reconciliation Circle and the Public Library say, Merci, Nia:wen, Migwetch, Thank you and Tshinashkumitin!

by Jameela Jeeroburkhan and David Grier

On September 30, over 120 residents huddled onto the baseball diamond behind the MoWest tennis courts to take part in Canada's first National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. Organized by the *Montreal West Turtle Island Truth and Reconciliation Circle*, in collaboration with the MW Public Library, the event is intended to be the first of many Truth and Reconciliation initiatives.

Three films were shown: two shorts, including **Phyllis Webstad's** *Orange Shirt Day* presentation and **Chief Robert Joseph's** animated story of truth and reconciliation and a feature film, **Kevin Bacon Hervieux's** film, *Innu Nikamu: Resist and Sing*. The last tells the story of the Innu Nikamu music festival which has taken place for over 35 years on the site of the former Notre Dame Indian residential school in the Innu community of Mani-Utenam in Sept-Îles. Today, the festival brings together Indigenous peoples from various nations as well as non-Indigenous people in a celebration of music, dance and community.

The *MoWest Turtle Island Truth and Reconciliation Circle (MWTITRC)* was formed by residents this past summer following the uncovering by the

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A beautiful MoWest house on Strathearn North. @Julia Ross

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# ART ETC.:

## a MoWest institution

by Maurice Krystal

Like magic every late November, our Town Hall turns into a pre-Christmas wonderland. The Music Room and the auditorium look like they have been decorated by elves. (Actually, small people would be ideal at this time to go under tables and attach power cords to outlets.) It is an art and craft show that has been going on for decades. It was the brainchild of **Veronique Belzil-Boucher** and **Maureen Lefebvre** (*The Shady Lady*) to promote local artistic talent. Due to the pandemic, it was cancelled last year for the first time. Hopefully this year it will take place and be the show's 35<sup>th</sup> edition.

The *ART ETC* Board consists of **JoAnne Eigenmann** who is the chair and handles the show layout and is the floor manager. **Shirley Kieran** is in charge of publicity. **Lynn Crawford** is *The Informer* liaison, show photographer and show decorator. **Debera Temperton** handles invitation printing liaison and is show decorator. And then there is **Cate Gregory** who is in charge of contracts and accounting. Lynn and Debera are residents of MoWest and JoAnne is a former resident.

I Zoomed with JoAnne and Cate in late August as the Covid infection rate was increasing in what was considered the 4<sup>th</sup> wave. What the picture will look like in three months when this article goes to print is anyone's guess. Artisans and craftspeople have had a difficult time since the outbreak of the pandemic. They are hopeful the show will proceed on November 20 and 21.

JoAnne is a painter on fabrics and wood, especially known for her scarves. Cate is a baker, and both are residents of neighbouring NDG and they had nothing but praise for MoWest's spirit in supporting the show and art in general.

The first show in 1985 was

held in the Music Room and the following year it was moved to the much larger space upstairs. The women reminded me that there were two years that *ART ETC.* was held at the MW United Church. This occurred in 2003 when MoWest merged with Côte Saint-Luc and Hampstead to be a borough of Montreal and our Town Hall shut down until the demerger. Now *ART ETC* is part of the fabric of our Town. They have participated in the Canada Day parade for many years.



JoAnne Eigenmann

Over the years, there have been some changes. Originally the show began Friday, with artisans setting up during the day. In the evening there was a vernissage with wine and cheese, and the show continued Saturday. Now the show is held Saturday and Sunday, since it was increasingly difficult for artisans to set up Friday afternoons as well as visitors requesting extended weekend hours. Also, there were choirs and entertainers performing as well as a silent auction the proceeds of which went to *The Gazette Christmas Fund*. Both these events were tied to the Friday vernissage and were replaced by frequent partnerships with local community groups

and charities. A recent addition is the popular door prize draw to which every artisan donates

While there have been no complaints, the stairs do involve a workout for some to climb, and a monitor and chairs have been placed at the top of the stairs with water for those who need it. This attention to small details is a major factor in making this show such a success. The *Floral Café*, in the Music Room, run by the *Horticultural Society* and the Children's Library, is also a stickler for refined details.

About 1000 shoppers have usually come through the doors over the two days. Cate and JoAnne mentioned how inquisitive and respectful the people are. Many bring their children and, at times, one sees multi-

generational families both shopping and dining in the *Floral Café*. The artisans, usually around 30, are happy to return, praising the atmosphere of the show. There is a certain percentage of artisan rotation each year to keep the show fresh and different. Fresh is always good whether it's bread or ideas.

[A few days before *The Informer* deadline I was informed that proof of vaccination will be required and that *The Horticultural Society* was withdrawing this year, but the Children's Library will be continuing to run the café. Hopefully things will return to normal next year.]

To contact visit:  
artetcmontrealwest@gmail.com.

## Merci, Nia:wen, Migwetch, Thank you and Tshinashkumitin!

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Tk'emlups te Secwepemc First Nation of the remains of 215 Indigenous children in unmarked graves on the site of an Indian Residential School in Kamloops, B.C. Since then, a 1000



Photo: John Kenney

additional unmarked graves have been identified at other sites and it is estimated that thousands more exist.

As residents of this Town, as Canadians trying to come to terms with this tragic and shameful history, members of the MWTITRC feel they can no longer passively turn a blind eye. With community support and collective compassion and empathy, the group aims to be contributors to a new story and a relearning of the old one by working towards truth and reconciliation in our Town. In concert with residents and a network of Indigenous people and communities, they seek to collectively build a community that is living, reconciling, repairing and growing in partnerships and reciprocity with Indigenous peoples. They will call to attention and honour the true history of the land we live on and will gratefully and



Photo: John Kenney

gracefully celebrate the culture, the contributions and wisdom of the Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island (North America).

Their mission is "to participate in and promote the collective education and continued sensitization of MoWest residents about the history, culture and realities lived by Indigenous peoples in Turtle Island. We will support the unlearning and relearning of the history of

Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Turtle Island and will endeavour to implement the spirit and relevant recommendations of the TRC Report 2015."

If you would like to be in touch with the *MW Turtle Island Truth and Reconciliation Circle*, you can contact them at [MWTITRC@gmail.com](mailto:MWTITRC@gmail.com). Stay tuned for information on coming events and initiatives.

## Mailbox



**We, the undersigned residents of Montreal West, strongly object to the two draft by-laws to amend the Master Plan and the Zoning By-law, that relate to the zoning changes in the area of Strathearn Ave. N. and Milner Ave., that would allow for the construction of a multi-storey development on the existing public parking lot.**

We believe such a high-density residential and or commercial project will diminish our quality of life, reduce our property values and ignore the public interest by significantly altering the character of our neighbourhood which is clearly and historically residential.

Our neighbourhood is already under considerable pressure from cut-through traffic and spill-over parking from commercial Westminster Avenue, where most buildings have no parking lots.

The addition of high-density housing, coupled with the resulting loss of parking spaces, would only exacerbate the unaddressed traffic problems, making our streets more congested and dangerous for our children, impacting many families with young children.

Numerous seniors in our Town also rely on the Milner parking to gain access to the bank, pharmacy and other essential shops and will be severely impacted by this decision.

The loss of parking spaces in the public lot – which is highly used by both Westminster businesses, the clinic and residents – will also create more pressure on the al-

ready-full Percival Ave. parking lot and extend the parking problems to the side streets of Strathearn, Wolseley and Percival.

We sincerely hope the Town Council will rethink and remove these contentious zoning changes that will negatively impact our residential neighbourhood.

We also object to the Council carrying out major zoning changes to the Master Plan in the middle of a pandemic, when

Town Hall is closed and the required public consultation is carried out by limited video-conference.

These major zoning changes will have a significant impact on our neighbourhood and we believe they should have been addressed separately and not buried within comprehensive modifications to the Urban Plan.

We remain respectfully,

*Ann McLaughlin  
59 Strathearn Av N*

*Plus an additional 30 households  
on Strathearn, Wolseley and Percival*





*In memoriam*

## Michael A. Brooker

1931-2021

Long-time resident **Michael A. Brooker** (“Beetle”) passed away peacefully on August 5, surrounded by family at the age of 90 years after a long life full of love, kindness, gentleness and laughter.

Michael moved to Montreal West in 1970 with his wife **Jeannette** and their three children and lived there until moving to a retirement residence in Lachine 48 years later. As a parent of young children, he was active as a member of the parents’ committee at Elizabeth Ballantyne Elementary School and later president of the MW High School parents’ committee. In later years, he became a member of the *Rotary Club* and volunteered at the annual Garbage Bowl collecting donations. He loved to ride his tandem bicycle with Jeannette. Michael could often be seen organizing and selling used books at the St. Phillip’s Anglican Church Christmas Bazaar.

### Human rights activist

As a young man growing up in South Africa, Michael was a human rights activist and member of the Liberal Party which opposed Apartheid. He wrote scathing letters to the newspaper editors attacking the regime. He met Jeannette, to be his lifelong companion for 62 years, while mountain climbing around the Cape of Good Hope. In 1962, the political situation being untenable and dangerous, Michael and Jeannette sought a more just society in which to raise their family; and so, they set off to make Canada and Quebec their home.

### Mentor and teacher

Throughout his life, Michael Brooker enjoyed mentoring, training, and teaching others at *Northern Electric*, *CN Rail* and *Pratt and Whitney*, as a part-time university lecturer, and in the community. After retiring from full time work, Michael embraced the opportunity to continue working part time for as long as he was able. He taught courses, and mentored people to develop goals that were consistent with their values. Trained as a sociologist, he had a sensitive understanding of how people’s lives are shaped by their historical and social context.

### Adventurer

Michael was an adventurer – happy at the stern of a canoe steering into the wind, barking “paddle!” to his crew. He liked to hike, tandem bike, cross country ski and run marathons and sailing and canoeing, often on Lac St. Louis. He chose the challenging path, the longer route, the steeper climb; he broke the trail. He was a playwright, regaling the Laurentian Ski Club with year-end plays featuring political figures of the day. He taught chess to his children and grandchildren and played to win. He loved classical music. He was an animal lover with countless wildlife and pet stories, told with a twinkle in his eye.

He was born a twin, but his sister sadly died at birth. Raised an only child, he did not have a large family, so he built his own and loved and cherished them all dearly to the end. He was deeply loved.

*from his children  
Mark, Tom and Ann Sylvia*

The staff of *The Informer* extend sincere condolences to the family, in particular to Jeannette who was a long-serving and devoted member of *The Informer*.

## Kosher corner



### Sukkot reflections

This year has been the first year that Chabad Westminster has hosted Sukkot services and celebrations. What a celebration it has been! From the prayers to the community barbeque, many families even had their very own Lulav and Etrog! It was smiles all the way to the culmination with the Simchat Torah celebration. Thank you to our wonderful community who participated and made it so special.

### Torah classes

Coming from Simchat Torah, we restart the studying of the Torah with renewed energy. There are new and old Torah classes that are restarting, however to highlight one. A new three-week course exploring the Jewish belief of the resurrection of the dead is starting soon! Please reach out for more details.

### Shabbat services

The much-enjoyed Friday Shabbat evening service is back, on a weekly basis with Kiddush and refreshments following services. Please reach out for exact timing as it is subject to change.

### Subscribe

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*from Rabbi Mendy Marlow*



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## Rotary

### Dale Oberon

#### Virtual Shakespeare



**Dane Oberon** is an educator, administrator and a tech wizard who produced an extraordinary community project for the MoWest Public

Library. It was an on-line production of Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*.

Dane was born and raised up the valley, the Ottawa Valley that is in Pembroke. He escaped to where he now calls his home Peterborough. He received his first degree from Trent and then a masters from Dalhousie. He stayed in Halifax for five years teaching and researching the economics of cultural productions. He moved to Montreal with his son in 2019. His creativity, enthusiasm and outstanding people skills have earned him a living.

Dane said the idea for virtual Shakespeare came from discussions with **Deb Marcogliese**, the director of the library, as a way to bring people together during the pandemic. The project started with a Zoom workshop and developed from there as a theatre project to get people to go online. Dane got some funding from the *Kimberly Foundation* to help launch. The project put out a casting call in September of 2020 and got 16 people who were willing to volunteer their time.

Dane assigned the roles and started the rehearsals and that was a lot of fun. They were not typical rehearsals as you did not have to memorize your lines because of the way the filming was set up (he showed the filming process later on). Dane said he knew he could not get everyone together on the same stage because of the pandemic. He filmed every one, one at a time, and then digitally brought everything together.

Dane said he changed the script and made many changes to make it more appropriate for the cast. He called it learning from each other and, by the end, felt he knew everyone. Members said it was therapeutic and it revitalized them and helped deal with the pandemic. The costumes reflected the modern times. The rehearsals were structured and required lots of planning so people would not waste their time sitting around and all were held at the library.

Everything had to be quarantined before being used again. Dane said the camera was his cell phone secured by elastics to a tripod. One cast member caught Covid but no one else did because they never met in person.

Dane said he did all the editing in half the usual time (weeks not months) and



Dale Oberon and his son Dasein

showed us the editing process and all the work that had to be done to bring the production together. The premiere on YouTube had 300 people waiting for the live launch. The production won first prize from Semaine québécoise intergénérationnelle.

Dane ended his talk by saying he made over a dozen new friends and who can say that about the pandemic. To see the play, go to YouTube and type Much Ado About Nothing Montreal West Public Library.

from Doug Yeats

**SPEAKER SERIES - Every Thursday, 7:30 pm**  
Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88132722993>

## IODE



### IODE donates \$5,000 to St. Mary's

The *IODE* HMS Victory Chapter is pleased to donate \$5000 to *St. Mary's Hospital's* Maternal/Child program. The funds were raised by all former and current *IODE* chapters in Quebec including the HMS Victory chapter.

The donation is for much needed specialized equipment for this highly regarded program. With more than 4500 babies delivered per year, it is one of the largest birthing centres in Montreal. *St. Mary's* is the first hospital in Montreal to have the *World Health Organization's (WHO)* recognition of its Baby Friendly Hospital Status.

The Baby Friendly Initiative is a worldwide initiative created by *WHO* and *UNICEF* in 1991. It is a global program for "protecting, promoting and supporting breastfeeding."

Moira Bettinville  
Vice-President



St. Mary's Hospital website

## Rotary and IODE

### Rotary members meet at Sandrini Confections for ice cream tasting

After a year of of weekly Zoom meetings with varied speakers from the health community, the arts and the environment (with such topics from the plight of polar bears to physiotherapists and intuitive eating), we decided to step out and meet the local merchants who had helped us with the Meals on Angels' Wings.

Meet **Sandrini** (creator of *Sandrini Confections*, 5707 Sherbrooke St. W.) who formerly worked in the pharmaceutical industry and opted for a career change to start her cupcake business just before COVID-19. We first contacted her about

delivering cupcakes to Bill Durnan Arena vaccine centre.

She told us that since COVID hit, her husband **Carlos**, a sound engineer when that industry was silenced, started to make artisanal ice-cream. This new ice-cream maker prepared four ample servings: chocolate and roasted pistachio nuts ice cream, that were followed by a second tasting of pumpkin ice cream with amaretti cookies and apple pie ice cream. Coffee was generously offered on the house.

For Sandrine baking has been a long-time passion, but for Carlos this newly discovered creative endeavour might inspire him to pursue artisanal ice cream making full-time.

Giuliana Pendenza  
Ron D'Souza

## Preserving character

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and patterns of doors, windows, rooflines and building ornamentation. If the area shows a high degree of consistency, but homeowners are starting to make modifications, some town-enforced design guidelines are needed.

When it looks like every building in a neighbourhood has been built the same year it looks more like a development rather than a town. A town needs complexity, but are the new buildings designed in sympathy with the older structures? Scale is important. A mixture of sizes can be intriguing but, if it is too extreme, perhaps jarring. Vistas, or the right to certain sight lines, has become an increasing legal issue.

### The Urban Planning Department

There have always been renovations and I, and many other residents, have heard the stories of conflicts with the Urban Planning Department on such issues as the changing the colour of a door, replacing old windows, reconfiguring stairways or driveways and repairing rotting balconies and gingerbread trim. I hear grumbling that building permits are nothing but a money grab. I was warned a few years ago that our new driveway could not be one centimetre wider than previously. Some of these stories may have morphed into urban legends, but they probably have some truth to them. I know some driveways that are double their previous size. How did that happen? Where is the consistency? Yet, in spite of the grumbling, the majority of residents seem happy with the overall appearance of our Town. It is what drew us here in the first place.

Due to the pandemic and the increase in savings and working from home, renovations seems to have increased ten fold lately. The use of multihued paving stones has made my area, at least, look like some Mediterranean seaside town. The tug and pull for maintaining charac-

ter and desire for change could intensify. Is the Town being too strict with its bylaws?

### Zoning by-law and SPAIP

In MoWest the Zoning by-law and the Site Planning and Architectural Integration (SPAIP) are the two by-laws in place meant to preserve the character of our Town.

The Zoning by-law deals with areas that are residential, commercial, institutional, etc., and details the types of structures or businesses permitted in a specific zone. It sets out the regulations that must be adhered to unless a minor exemption has been approved, ultimately by the Town Council.

SPAIP is more discretionary, setting up objectives and criteria for different types of projects. Their goal is to “preserve the specific character of Montreal West by preventing negative impacts due to the demolition of, or inappropriate changes to, existing buildings and to ensure the preservation and development of quality architecture that is in harmony with the Town’s built heritage.” This is the by-law that provides guidance to the Planning Advisory Committee in their review of various exterior projects. The PAC is a volunteer citizens’ committee, usually composed of architects or contractors whose role is consultative. In our small town there are 17 distinct areas, each with structures of a distinct type, age, prevalent styles, features and building materials used.

Most projects do not go through PAC or Council for approval. Instead, the contractors

The quiet charm of Montreal West.



A cat is guarding a Montreal West laneway.

go to the Town Hall and obtain a building permit through the Urban Planning Department.

### How did that house get approved?

Residents can easily detect structures that don’t fit. How these structures were allowed is vague. There was a time when MoWest was in the same borough as Côte Saint-Luc and Hampstead, and the Town lost control over its local by-laws, but some of these “misfits” pre-date this period. I wondered if the rules got stricter, but in fact some were loosened, such as needing a permit for a new roof.

One of the more interesting arguments against our Town’s by-laws is that change is inevitable. To try and stop it is akin to the proverbial Dutch boy with his finger in the dike. My wife and I often drive through neighbouring Côte Saint-Luc and Hampstead. We pass many buildings from the 1950s being torn down and replaced with

larger structures almost reaching the sidewalk. My wife refers to them as “hotels.” These huge residences often dwarf the neighbouring older structures. They probably have average size families, but they now reside in “monster” homes. Is calling them monsters or hotels too negative? These structures undoubtedly alter the character of the area. Their rate of construction is increasing. They will soon be the majority on some streets. Can they coexist with their older neighbours or is the trend irreversible?

Is MoWest living in the past, trying to retain an atmosphere that is already passé? Does it destroy progress and creativity?

### “Creativity thrives within structure”

Strangely, my love of poetry has taught me that structure/rules, can in fact enhance creativity. One of my favourite styles is Haiku. It is a short poem that consists of 17 syllables formed in a very specific pattern and choice of words. You would think it becomes an impossible task to write a poem that follows such a strict format and, yet, as the poet Julia Cameron stated, “In limits, there is freedom, Creativity thrives within structure.”

So in a way it is the very strictness of our Town’s by-laws that, rather than dictating, adds value. It is a communal desire to have a certain look, but not insist on a clone conformity. So before starting on any exterior renovations, contact the Urban Planning Department by phone or email. They may help you be more creative!

# National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

**September 30, 2021 marked the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The day honours the lost children and survivors of residential schools, their families and communities.**

Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process. The creation of this federal statutory holiday was through legislative amendments made by Parliament June 3, 2021 following the discovery of 215 unmarked graves of children on the grounds of Kamloops residential school in May. The current numbers are 6509 graves found in 21 out of 139 schools to be checked. The numbers will rise greatly.

Today, there are more children in care such as health services or foster care than there were in residential schools. There are more Indigenous people incarcerated than any other demographic group in Canada. This is due to intergenerational trauma over 150 years including the Sixties Scoop. All this has to change. This is not only Indigenous history but our history. All Canadian citizens are part of the solution. In order to do this, one has to first acknowledge the suffering from the abuses which is the truth part.

One of the first films I saw in the 90s post Oka Crisis was *Where the Spirit Lives* (1990) which takes place in the prairies in the 30s in a residential school. It was difficult to watch. A redeeming fact, two members of the staff realized the methods were harming. One quit and the other assisted children to flee. As it was decades earlier, I assumed wrongly that these methods would cease; unfortunately, this was not the reality; the last school closed in 1996.

Another powerful film recently released and that received numerous awards is *Indian Horse* (2017) a story of a boy who loses his family and is forced to go to residential school. He found hockey as a way out. It was, till his past caught up with him. This is a classic example of how trauma can destroy a soul. You can find this film on CBC Gem as well as *We were Children* NFB (2012) a poignant true story that comes with pedagogical guides.

The *Secret Path* (2016) CBC Arts is a true story of a 12-year-old boy who fled a school and died in the attempt to return home. The story is put to song and a graphic novel by Gord Downie. In 2017 CBC Doc shows how it is being used in the classroom.

Walkers left Kaneshatà:ke to honour the children who did not

return home. "Spirit Children's Walk trio back home after completing journey to former Shingwauk residential school." [*The Review Newspaper*] Al Harrington who initiated the walk encourages you to, "Write to your local MPs, write to the government. Tell them that we need more Indigenous awareness, more Indigenous culture in our school systems."

And finally, reading the 94 Calls to Action of the TRC (2015) and discussing them is a path towards RECONCILIATION.

I wish to thank the Town Council for having responded affirmatively to my request to lower the Canadian Flag in memorial Park out of respect.

*from Louise Chênevert*






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## Scouts

### New season and in-person meetings!

#### Cubs



Cubs started the new season on September 22 at Davies Park. We have about a 50/50 mix of returning and new cubs, and all of them were so happy to be able to meet in-person with their fellow cubs. It was thrilling to see the joy of spontaneous play among the them.

Cubs will continue their in-person meetings outdoors at Davies Park through the end of October, and then move indoors to Royal West Academy. We meet on most Wednesdays from 6:30-8 pm. Safety is always a priority, so masks are encouraged outdoors and required indoors, everyone uses hand sanitizer, and all adults who stay for the meeting are verified for their vaccine passport.

If you know a boy or girl in grades 3-5 who might be interested, please reach out to Scouter Kaa (nefariousphd@gmail.com) for more information, or just show up to one of our meetings as they are free to attend the first few times.

*from Todd Stedl*

#### Scouts

In-person meetings for Scouts are now permitted, and we are looking forward to the year. We will have a combination of indoor meetings on Tuesday evenings and outside adventure meetings on Saturday afternoons. We want to get the scouts outside as much as possible, doing hikes and day trips to local parks, while building shelters, practising scouting skills and playing games. We are following requirements for



Seth Harrar - practising his Cub sign in Davies Park

conducting in-person meetings in a way that keeps these meetings safe and maintains appropriate social distancing.

Scouts is a youth-led organization. Our first meeting of the year was held outside, at Davies Park, where we welcomed a substantial number of new members, brainstormed ideas for activities we would like to do and skills we would like to learn. Our first outdoor adventure was supposed to be on Saturday, October 2, in which Scouts were to meet at the Lachine canal and cycle towards the Old Port, but had to be cancelled due to rain.

The in-person meetings and outdoor adventures are a great change from the on-line virtual meetings we were limited to over the past year. We are now planning the activities and the destinations we will visit over the year, including a hike on Mount Royal on October 16. It feels like a new beginning!

*from Andrew Chapman*

## A reminiscence for Remembrance Day

I am standing today in front of 35 Brock Avenue South home of the Bark family and their son Sub-Lieutenant **Wilfred Bark**.

What is the meaning of this location to me and my family? I live on Avon just around the corner and my father was **James Irwin McPhail** SBA (Sick Bay Attendant) served on a corvette called *Weyburn* (after a town in Alberta). Wilfred Bark and my father served on the *Weyburn* during WWII. My father survived and he did not.

The *Weyburn* took part in a foray called Operation Torch (November 1942-February 1943) whose objective was to establish a presence along the coast line of Algiers especially the port of Oran and Casablanca. The operation was a success and, on the way back to England through the straits of Gibraltar, the convoy ran into a minefield. The result was the destruction of the ship and many of its 90 crew were lost at sea and presumed dead (February 22 at 8 am).

Upon their return to Montreal, many of the sailors spoke about their lost shipmates and their bravery as reported in *The Montreal Gazette* of March 9, 1943.

It was only after my father's passing in 2005 that I found many newspaper clippings regarding the *Weyburn* and its survivors and dead. That is when Wilfred Bark came into my life. Ever year on Remembrance Day, I go and touch his name on the Cenotaph near the Town Hall. I think of him perishing at 21 years old leaving behind his family and co-workers at *CIL*. May he and his shipmates rest in peace.

My father returned to Montreal and married my mother **Pauline Lamonde** of Quebec City and together they had three children of which I am the eldest. He never spoke about that time in his life and I guess he was of the school that you just get on with your life.

#### Note of interest

The practice of naming ships after towns and cities and the warm-hearted response from the citizen towards the crews made a link between the citizens on land and the citizens at sea. The crews often received generous offerings from their foster towns and cities – letters from home, goods such as cigarettes and knitted items were always welcome. Men who had never been to Pictou, Charlottetown, Shenanigan, Barrie, Moose Jaw or Brandon cherished the warm wishes of these unknown citizens for whom many benefits had come and continued to come to them even well after the war.

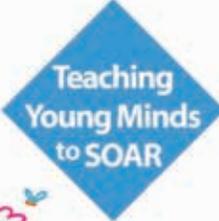
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## Guiding

### A great start!



The MW Guiding units are off to a great start. The girls and leaders have enjoyed being outside for the first six meetings. For the most part, the weather has cooperated for all of our unit meetings. Montreal West has an abundance of lovely outdoor green spaces that are sufficiently lit, to let us run our meetings, even though the sun is setting earlier and earlier. Having outdoor meetings has provided the units with an opportunity to deliver the program in a different way.

To start the year, the Sparks and Brownies have been meeting together due to our lower than usual enrolment and our limited number of leaders. The leaders set up hula hoops 2 m apart, prior to the start of the meeting. This is done to help the girls respect the social distancing required during in-person meetings. All the girls are quite good at staying in their hula hoops when necessary for “close” activities. When close activities are not being done, they love having the length of Hodgson Field to do their active games. At the end of the evening, they often ask if they can just go and run before their parents arrive to pick them up.

It is wonderful to see the girls putting their promise into action. For the Sparks, their promise is “to share and be a friend.” Although there is limited sharing of supplies going on due to the COVID restrictions, they are often willing to share ideas of how to help one another with different tasks or concepts.

The Brownies promise “To do their best. To be true to themselves, their beliefs and Canada. They will take action for a better



Spark and Brownie sister - wanting to share a hula hoop. Wonderful example of the Spark promise - To Share and Be a Friend

world...” All the Brownie-aged girls will often be found being wonderful role models for their younger Guiding sisters, helping them any way they can. The leaders have also noticed the Brownies are also very eager to put their motto of “lend a hand” into action with the younger girls. It is a wonderful group of young ladies!!

All girls have specific bags dedicated to their Guiding meetings. Old t-shirts were upcycled into fashionable and functional bags. They have each stocked their Guiding bag which with their supplies needed every week. Including extra clothing should the weather turn cooler during our meeting. A

sit upon to keep themselves dry from the damp ground. A water bottle to keep hydrated. This helps them “be prepared” for anything which may come their way during our outdoor meetings.

At the start of the Guiding year, the Guides met in Strathearn Park. There would often be a musical ensemble performing in the park in the early evening. It was quite lovely to have live music! The older girls have enjoyed learning about their promise, law and motto. One exceptional activity included the girls taking a portion of the promise and acting it out through putting on socially distanced skits. The other girls needed to guess which part of the promise was being presented to them. A bit of charades, with a twist.

A game all the branches did to help the girls judge exactly what is 2 m is was to have the girls line up (2 m apart) and place a weighted object at their feet. The girls were then asked to walk 2 m in a straight line and place another object to mark their place. The leaders then went and actually measured their guess of what 2 m was. Much to all of our surprise, the girls were very good at estimating the distance. When they did err, it was on the side of caution, and their 2 m was actually a little more than what it would be in reality which we reinforced was very good at keeping people safe.

All the units are currently planning their enrolment ceremonies. Stay tuned to the next edition of *The Informer* to learn what creative ways were brought together to mark this milestone in the girl’s Guiding lives.





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**Learning about aspects of Indigenous culture**

On September 24, the grade 3 students had the privilege of learning about various aspects of Indigenous culture from **Lara Kramer** and her daughter **Ruby Kramer Caldwell** (room 14). We were shown different Oji-Cree First Nation artifacts and clothing from their traditions. We are so grateful to them for sharing their stories with us!



Gladys Batten retires

**Congratulations!**

The EBS students and staff members would like to congratulate **Gladys Batten**, our Spiritual Animator, on her retirement. She has been a valuable member of our community for many years, sharing stories and lessons with our students during her time with us. We all wish her the best of luck in her future endeavours!



Biranna casts her vote

**Student Vote Canada**

Students in grade 6 room 12) recently had the chance to participate in the Student Vote Canada program. Local candidates **Emma Elbourne-Weinstock** (NDP) and **Sam Fairbrother** (Green Party) met with the students in two separate Zoom meetings. They learned about federal politics, the electoral process and the different party platforms.

The class also had a visit from local municipal candidates, **Joel deBellefeuille** and **Matthew Kerr**, from the Movement Montreal party. They encouraged the students to become involved in their local communities, and to learn about the impact that local government can have.



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## Edinburgh School

# Perspectives of a sixth grader

Hi my name is **Thomas Yeates** and I am a sixth grader at Edinburgh Elementary School. I have two younger brothers, **Michael** and **Henry**. My middle brother Michael attends the Priory School in Westmount. My youngest brother Henry, is five years old and just started his first year of kindergarten at Edinburgh. Every day I walk my little brother to school with my Mo-West friends and drop him off with his kindergarten teacher. Henry seems to really enjoy being at school with me and sometimes when he sees me in the hallway, he runs over to hug me. I think Henry is going to enjoy his first year at Edinburgh and his next six years until graduation.

### School and COVID-19

This is my third school year affected by the COVID-19 virus. Currently at school, we need to wear our masks everywhere. We need to wear our masks in class (except when we are eating snacks or lunch), the hallways and even during indoor gym class.

This year each grade level is one big bubble, which means, every student in each grade can play together during outside recess, but are not allowed to mix with any other grade level. Last year, students could only interact with their homeroom class. I am really happy that this rule changed because most of my close friends were in dif-

ferent classes. I know some kids were really frustrated last year because they could not play with their best friends as a result of these COVID-19 restrictions.

### Hopes for the future

I hope kids under 12 years old, will soon be approved for the COVID-19 vaccination. Hopefully we will not need to wear masks in the classroom or be separated from the other grade levels during recess. COVID-19 has also made us miss our Back-to-School BBQ, school assemblies, our winter and spring Music Concerts and any event where our whole school would get together. I hope that throughout the school year some of those activities will come back.

As a sixth grader this is my last year at Edinburgh Elementary School. Next year I will be in high school. I am looking forward to some of the fun grad traditions like grade 6 yearbook, grad T-shirts, our end of year dance and a MoWest pool outing. Last year I was in the grade 5/6 split class so I was lucky and got to participate in a couple of these activities. I really have enjoyed my time at Edinburgh School and I will miss the great teachers and staff that have made my last six years special. Now I just need to figure out who I will ask to the end of year grad dance?

*from Thomas Yeates*



Thomas and Henry walking to school



Curzon kids marching for Global Climate Strike

## Curzon's 19<sup>th</sup> annual auction fundraiser

Are you a business or resident looking to support a local preschool? You can get involved by donating auction items for *Curzon Creative Preschool's* 19<sup>th</sup> annual auction fundraiser. We are looking for gift cards, electronics, retail products, services, ticketed events, weekend getaways, luxury items, travel and accommodations and more. All donor's will be given free entry to the auction and all businesses' logos will be displayed on the auction site! Please contact [curzonauction@gmail.com](mailto:curzonauction@gmail.com) if you are able to contribute.

*Curzon Preschool* has been serving the MoWest community for over 60 years. We will be holding our 19<sup>th</sup> annual auction fundraiser this December. Last year's online auction was a big hit! Because of the virtual for-

mat, we had a large number of people bidding from Quebec and around the world.

### What's new at Curzon?

As the saying goes, "We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors but we borrow it from our children." At *Curzon*, we strongly believe that to be true. We instill in our children the importance of looking after our planet and to respect all that lives here. On September 24, the children marched down Westminster in support of the Global Climate Strike with handmade posters and messages.



## Children's Library

### New StoryWalk®

The concept of the Story Walk® is simple – take a walk and read the pages of a book that are displayed one by one. We have offered different Story Walk® since 2019. Now, a new story is up outside the library.

From October 4 to November 14, you will have the pleasure of reading the story *Hello, Moon* by **Julie Downing**. After reading the story, take the time to check out the question, come into the library to give us the answer and enter a draw. You may be the lucky winner of a copy of this book.

### Mixed media art

We are teaming up with *Peek-a-Boo Activity Center* in order to offer you a series of mixed media art classes. The first one will be on October 16 – Mexican masks. The classes take place online, in real time, on Zoom. The craft materials have to be picked up from the library.

Our second is scheduled for November 20 – Van Gogh's Sunflowers. Registration

is mandatory by November 13. Please consult our web page for the full list of art classes and details.

### Halloween

Contactez-nous avant le 22 octobre pour nous Manifester de votre intérêt à recevoir une petite citrouille. Vous pouvez récupérer la citrouille à la bibliothèque à partir du 23 octobre.

La décoration sera faite chez vous, mais nous aimerions recevoir une photo de votre citrouille décorée afin de monter un album virtuel d'Halloween. Veuillez, svp, nous envoyer vos photos avant le 1<sup>er</sup> novembre.

Contact us by October 22 to put your name down, and starting October 23, you are welcome to pick up a small pumpkin from the library.

Decorate it at home and send us a picture for an online album that we would like to build. Deadline for the submission of the pictures – November 1.

Check out our great selection of Halloween books!



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As you read this, the library is entering another phase by welcoming volunteers back to the circulation desk. It has been a long time and there have been many ups and downs, but the library is hoping that, all things considered, it is now safe to have the volunteers back in the building. So, when you come in now, you will see the smiling faces of our volunteers, well, maybe not their smiles exactly, but their eyes will be smiling for sure. All volunteers, like staff, will be wearing masks and following all safety and health protocols. Make sure you stop by and say welcome back!

In other library news, and in recognition of the first National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, the library partnered with the

Montreal West Turtle Island Truth and Reconciliation Circle (MWTITRC) to present the film *Innu Nikamu – Resist and Sing*. This was a great event with over a 100 people coming out to watch the film. If you did not get a chance to see the film, it is available free of charge online. The library will also be purchasing a DVD for its collection.

The library and MWTITRC are joining together to undertake a learning journey of the reality and issues facing First Nations, Metis and Inuit people. This is a long journey and part of the objectives of the hashtag #WHATCANIDO? In turns out we can do something: we can all learn. The library looks forward to more collaboration with MWTITRC, this group of concerned citizens of Montreal West.

### Land Acknowledgement

One of the first initiatives the library will undertake is a Land Acknowledgement. A Land Acknowledgement is not simply a few phrases acknowledging that there were people here before us and that we live on unceded territory, but it is a learning journey and a plan for calls to action that the library can take. The library with the support of MWTITRC will also be starting a Tea and TRC circle meeting on Tuesday, November 2 at 1 pm where we will read a portion of the TRC report each month and then discuss. If either interests you, please feel free to reach out to us at [mwlib.requests@gmail.com](mailto:mwlib.requests@gmail.com).

### Fundraisers for the library Past

With the support of MoWesters and our neighbours and clear skies overhead, our garage sale fundraiser was a big success, raising almost \$1300 for the library!

This event would not have been possible without **Merle McPhail** and **Leonard Baltin** who graciously donated not only their garage and laneway, but also many, many hours of their time. A HUGE thank you Merle and Lenny and all the other volunteers who contributed help before, during, and after the sale. Finally, many thanks to the members who donated the sale items. We hope you benefited from the “clean up” as much as the library did!

### And future

We are pleased to announce the return of our popular Holiday Raffle. After a year off due to you-know-what, the raffle will return this year with fantastic prizes including a gingerbread house, tea parties to share with your friends and other surprises. Look for tickets at the library starting November 1 with the prize draw taking place on or about November 22.

Our last fundraising activity of the year will be our annual Giving Tuesday campaign. Look for more information in the next issue of *The Informer*.

## News from the pews

### MW United

...the brick one

#### The next chapter begins

We are back to live in-person Worship in our sanctuary! Hooray! As of October 3, we are gradually returning to the fold. Even though we do so with some degree of Covid caution, entering the church to worship with others means more than I can say. But don't just take my word for it....

Understandably not everyone is comfortable coming and so, for a limited time, we continue to provide online access to our services simultaneously. We have been experimenting with different formats. Some work better than others. Stay tuned.

#### Caution vs pessimism

When the World Wars were proclaimed ended, it still took a good while for life to find a new balance. There was still rationing for a time; the troops took time to return; cleaning up the ravages of the war took planning, organization and effort. Similar but different is the Covid road. So, if life isn't as we remember it immediately, that is not a cause for despair. There is much we need to learn from and incorporate into our lifestyles as we move on. Take heart – and remember to celebrate the small joys along the way.

#### Orange Shirts

A young girl, upon entering a residential school had her favourite orange shirt taken from her. So now, wearing an Orange Shirt September 30, National Truth and Reconciliation Day, has become a way to acknowledge the injustices done to Indige-

nous Peoples spoken to by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. In some cities, people display orange shirts in their windows. As I went around September 30 in my orange shirt, I didn't find many others in this neighbourhood. What I did encounter at times was school children in orange. And when they saw me, there was a silent connection that passed between us. Perhaps you found the same. The effort needs to be year-round, but this is a beginning.

#### Kitchens needed...

Can't hold a bazaar when our church is not allowed to use the kitchen as yet. We must be on track for a humdinger of an event when that aspect is back to normalish. Stay tuned.

#### Honouring those we have lost

October 31 we will hold our Memorial Communion to name those in our church community and beyond who have departed in the last 12 months. A very special service meant to share our awareness of the changes in our families. All welcome.

Remembrance Day service be held November 7. Likely to have a trumpeter involved. Another good time to come by.

#### And here we are at Advent

Hard to believe how quickly the year has gone, but November 28 will be when Christmas preparations begin.

So, join us, masked as always, any Sunday morning at 10 am. The Sunday school is operating also, possibly in a separate

area, but very much there at the same time. We look forward to seeing any who would like to attend and who are double vaxxed.

Stay healthy and wise....

from Susan Upham

### St Philip's

St Philip's has re-opened for in-person worship. At present, we have one service at 10 am Sundays. We ask that those planning to attend to call or email the church office no later than Thursday, in order to avoid a line at the door filling out the attendance register. The service is also available online on Zoom. We have a quartet from the choir singing roughly every other week; Sundays without the choir have congregational singing.

We have reluctantly decided not to host our annual Christmas bazaar this year. So much of the bazaar is social; sitting down with friends for tea or coffee and treats from the bake table, the soup and sandwich lunch or just chatting while browsing. With capacity limits and the need for distancing, all that will not be possible. We hope to resume next year. We are grateful to all who have offered donations of books and household goods, but at this point we are short on storage space, and suggest Renaissance or other places where they can more quickly find new homes.

We expect that our annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols and our Christmas services, will be hybrid (in-person in the church, with livestream via Zoom). More information will appear in next month's *In-former*.

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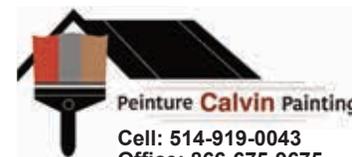
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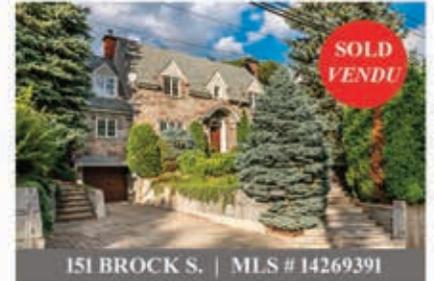
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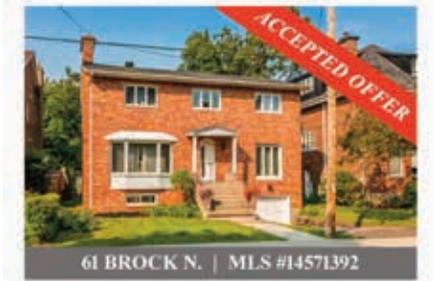
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## Community Centre

### Registration for winter programs

Early bird pricing is in effect until November 27. Programs begin the week of January 10. Zoom and in-person. [montreal-ouest.ca/eng/online-registration](http://montreal-ouest.ca/eng/online-registration).

**Proof of vaccine passports and ID are required for all in person classes.**

For more info: call the Community Centre, 484-6186.



Once upon a Halloween on Ballantyne North

## 50+ Club

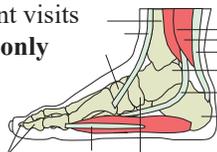


For our latest activities go to the Town website: [montreal-west.ca](http://montreal-west.ca) or call for more info: 484-6186.

### Foot clinics

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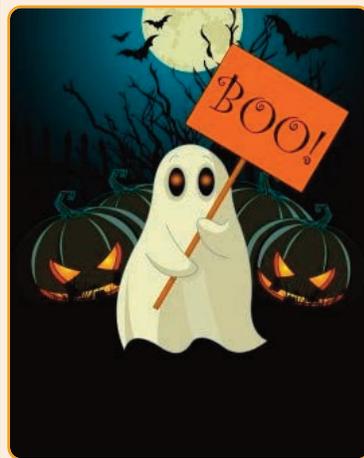
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## Halloweek October 24-31

### Join us for some SPOOKY FUN!

- CLUE Scavenger Hunt **October 24** (register on amilia)
- Crafts and Baking ideas
- Costume Free Skate (register on amilia)
- Contests for MoWest residents!

Deadline to submit photos for house decoration, pumpkins and pets is **October 31**. Winners will be announced **November 1**.

See the website for more details:  
[montreal-west.ca](http://montreal-west.ca).

## Roots and Remembrance Program

**MONTREAL WEST REMEMBERS: 100 YEARS**

Thanks to the support from *Heritage Canada*

### Remembrance Lecture

**Friday, November 5**  
(Details to be confirmed, see website)

### Remembrance ceremony

**Saturday, November 6**

There will be limited spots available due to the COVID-19 rules. Vaccine passports will be required and masks are recommended. Please reserve your spot on amilia or call 484-6186.

### A Walk to Remember

**Sunday, November 7**

Led by Dr. **Robert Drummond**. Participants must register on amilia.

### War Time Music - In Remembrance

**Wednesday, November 10 at 2 pm online**

**Craig Morrison**, ethnomusicologist, musician, author and former Concordia University professor, will present *War Time Music - In Remembrance*. Register on amilia.

### Artists' Showcase: Remembrance

100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Cenotaph, it is also 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the poppy as a symbol of remembrance. If you have paintings, images or any other form of art you would like to share with on the website to help us all remember, please submit them online at: [montreal-west.ca/en/recreation/culture/artist-showcase/](http://montreal-west.ca/en/recreation/culture/artist-showcase/)

Some changes or additions will be made to the Town's website and on the Town's facebook page; updates will be sent via e-bulletin.

### Self-guided tour of Town's Veterans' homes.

Take a fall walking tour of the Town's Veterans' homes. Over 40 homes have commemorative posters on their front lawns, remembering those members who gave their lives in service during World War II. A full map and tour are available on the Town website courtesy of research done by Dr. **Robert Drummond**.





All of our programming is up and running! It has been awesome watching everyone get back into the action jumping, running, skating and flipping. All our programs, new and returning, are running full time 7 days a week,

at Legion rink, Royal West Academy and Elizabeth Ballantyne School.

Thank you to all the parents and players for your patience as we adjust to the rules and guidelines around sports and COVID. Your support and cooperation are wonderful and much appreciated.

To get more information about our programming please go to [mwcrasports.ca](http://mwcrasports.ca).

### Winter registration

Registration for the winter session of gymnastic, indoor basketball, indoor soccer, pre-school skating lessons and Champions at Play will open **November 1**.

Some NEW programs started this fall:

### Champions at Play

Which teaches children from a young age, the various physical skills they will need to improve their coordination and set them up for success in sports.

### Indoor basketball

This program is run out of Elizabeth Ballantyne on Thursdays (boys) and Fridays (girls) under the guidance of David Steiner and his team of coaches, **Olivier Bazinet**, **Esmée Roy** and **Saydie Roy**. We have a fantastic group of kids who are eager to learn and play some great ball.

U6 indoor soccer class



### Update on... Judo

Led by our sensei **Steve Morissette**, our judo program is at full capacity. As everyone learns the basic moves and holds, they are progressing quickly and we hope to have our first belting ceremony near the holidays.

### Indoor soccer

This program is run out of the RWA gym and is always popular. **Greg McGregor** and his team, **Graham McKelvie**, **Emery McKelvie**, **Aleya Napoleoni**, **Sabrina Manolakos** and **Luca Berti** are working hard to teach new skills and play fast games. Players range in age from ages 5 to 18+, with various classes almost every night of the week.

### Gymnastics

This program has a fresh direction as we welcome our new coaching staff **Sarah Faith**, **Mamadi Conde** and **Aleya Napoleoni**. Kids are learning the basic skills of gymnastics such as bridges, splits, cartwheels and pullovers. We are even hoping to have a mini routine ready by the holidays!

### Hockey news MWH Knights (Single letters)

The MWH Knights are back! For updates on hockey please check our website at [mwhhockey.ca](http://mwhhockey.ca).

Our hockey Director **Eric Rayment** was thrilled to welcome everyone back for tryouts that started at the end of September. All teams were made by Thanksgiving and the EHL league is up and running. We have teams at every level from M9 to M18 playing in the EHL this season and look forward to bringing you updates as the season progresses.

### Westluc Kings (Double Letters)

Players from Montreal West, Hampstead and CSL attended tryouts in early September for the Westluc Kings double letter teams. This season, Westluc Hockey has one U11BB team and one U13BB team playing in the Lac Saint-Louis region league. Good Luck to everyone this season.



Gymnastics coach Sarah teaching how to walk on beam

### Figure skating

Coach **Heather Smith** has everyone back on the ice at Legion rink on Friday afternoons. This program introduces skaters to the sport of figure skating in a relaxed atmosphere. We look forward to the end of year show in March

### Skating lessons

**Mackenzie Bullett** and her team of coaches were so excited to get back on the ice with everyone. Classes run Wednesday afternoons and Sunday mornings. Everyone from non-skaters to more experienced skaters are welcome to join in the fun.

### Pre-school skate

This is one of our cutest classes, open to skaters 3 and 4 years old. We keep the ratio very low between coaches and skaters. In this class, skaters learn to stand, shuffle and glide over a 10-week period by using games, toys and lots of encouragement.

## Acclaimed / Réélues par acclamation



### Beny Masella

October 1, I learned that Councillors Feeney and Torres and I were acclaimed for another term. This will mark my fourth term as Mayor of our Town and I am so appreciative of the confidence you have demonstrated towards me. It is the first time since 2007 that I have not had to run for my seat on Council. As I had been preparing to campaign, I checked back on my platform and promises. I am so proud that, as a team, this outgoing Council achieved them all. After the elections and after the Council has met and discussed it, we will set forth our goals for the new mandate. Thank you, my fellow MoWesters.

Le 1<sup>er</sup> octobre, j'ai appris que deux conseillères, Colleen Feeney et Maria Torres et moi-même avons été réélues par acclamation. Il s'agira de mon quatrième mandat à titre de maire de notre ville et je suis très reconnaissant de la confiance que vous m'avez témoignée. C'est la première fois depuis 2007 que je n'ai pas eu à faire campagne pour mon siège au Conseil. Alors que je me préparais à faire campagne cette année, j'ai vérifié ma plateforme et mes promesses. Je suis tellement fier, qu'en tant qu'équipe, ce Conseil sortant les ait tous atteints. Après les élections et après que le Conseil se sera réuni et en aura discuté, nous définirons nos objectifs pour le nouveau mandat. Merci, mes concitoyens.

*Beny Masella*



### Colleen Feeney

I feel very fortunate to have been acclaimed in my position as Councillor. I would like to thank the residents for their confidence in me. I assure you that I will continue to work as hard in the next four years as I have in the past to serve you and this wonderful community.

I am proud of Council's record and what we have accomplished as a team. We have met the goals we set up in our Strategic Financial Plan. Nous avons maintenu les hausses de taxes foncières sous l'indice des prix à la consommation chaque année et nous avons continué à investir dans les infrastructures et à rénover nos parcs tout en diminuant notre dette nette. De plus, nous avons réussi à obtenir une subvention de 12,5 millions de dollars pour un nouveau centre sportif et récréatif intergénérationnel.

Council also embarked upon some new projects we had not anticipated four years ago: we developed our Age-Friendly Policy and we steered the Town through the Covid pandemic, establishing outreach programs and finding new ways to deliver our services.

Nous poursuivons une grande partie de ce travail au cours du prochain mandat. Le nouveau Conseil établira ses objectifs et priorités autour de ces questions et autres. J'ai hâte de relever ce défi. Merci.

*Colleen Feeney*



### Maria Torres

Dear residents of Montreal West, I am honoured and humbled to have been re-elected by acclamation as a Councillor of the Town of Montreal West Council. I would like to thank you all for your support and encouragement, and for the heartfelt messages and well wishes that I have received. To my family and friends, my heart is full of gratitude.

I am very proud to have served this wonderful community of the past 8 years and I can assure you that I will continue to honour my responsibilities with the utmost respect and integrity for the betterment of our community. As a Council, we have accomplished quite a lot in the last few years, however there is still so much more to do and I can hardly wait!

All my best wishes to all the candidates running in the upcoming election.

Stay safe and healthy!

*Maria Torres*



## Flu vaccination

will be available as of **November 1**.

Due to COVID-19, the flu vaccine will be available **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**. You will be able to book an appointment soon using the CLIC SANTÉ platform.

## Candidates Seat 1 / Candidats Siège 1



### Lauren Small-Pennefather

These unprecedented times have called for introspection and wanting to lend my voice for change as an advocate to improve the quality of life for ALL residents. I am passionate about OUR Town, choosing to raise our daughter Avah here more than 13 years ago with my husband Jeff.

Active in the community for over a decade as a board member for the Community Services Council, Young Families Roundtable and past chair of the Edinburgh Elementary School Governing Board. Je suis une fière partisane de la Journée Terry Fox depuis plus de 22 ans, à la fois en tant que participante et coordinatrice de la Journée Terry Fox de Montréal-Ouest. En 2017, comme participante au demi-marathon des 20<sup>e</sup> Jeux Maccabiah, j'ai développé la capacité d'adaptation mentale et physique nécessaire pour faire avancer les choses.

J'ai joint les rangs de la fonction publique du Canada il y a presque 25 ans, alors que je terminais mon diplôme d'études supérieures en politique et administration publiques à l'Université Concordia.

I have served in operations, heritage, science, innovation and international portfolios. I have honed a strong skillset based on the principles of communication, transparency, accountability, good governance and fiscal rigor.

This is my four-pronged approach:

- 1 Public safety and security are paramount and foundational.
- 2 Identifying revenue generation opportunities through evidence based information.
- 3 Ensuring the historical value and heritage integrity of our Town is preserved, with innovative and environmentally friendly sustainable solutions.
- 4 Increasing the efficiency and agility of operations.

Please vote Lauren Small-Pennefather.

*laurenseat1@outlook.com*



### Eric Aberman

My wife, our two-year-old son, our dog and I moved to Montreal West last year. We immediately fell in love with the Town. From the recreational facilities and activities to the parks and the people, we truly believe that Montreal West is the best place on the Island to raise a family.

Our Town, however, is heading towards a pivotal time with the redevelopment of the recreational facility and rezoning possibilities on Milner and Ronald. Our community will be shaped for years to come by how we decide, approach, execute and deliver these projects. Because I want and can contribute to their success, I chose to run for Town Council Seat #1.

I received my master's in science in Real Estate (Msc.RE) with a concentration in development from NYU's Schack Institute of Real Estate. I studied under the developers of the Atlantic Yards project in Brooklyn – one of the largest and most complex public-private developments to date. Over the past 15 years, I have worked extensively in Canada and the United States with various municipalities and departments. In all these projects, I always ensured that the needs of the stakeholders – the cities and their residents – were addressed throughout the development process. This included, among other responsibilities, the creation, management and control of construction budgets.

My experience will provide a valuable voice and perspective to the council during this period of change for our town. I think Montreal West is great and I want to make sure it stays that way.

*Eric Aberman*



### Nathaniel Ward

Hello fellow MoWest neighbours. I am excited to announce my candidacy for the position of Town Councillor Seat 1 in the upcoming municipal elections. I moved to Montreal West 10 years ago. I am a full-time single dad, raising my two beautiful and amazing children, Noah and Emily.

I believe that we all must work together to preserve and protect this amazing and beautiful culture in our Town, while at the same time understanding that there is always room for improvements.

Professionally I have worked in corporate security for 25 years, the last 10 with IBM Canada. I believe that my experience in physical security, contract management, project management, emergency planning, crisis management, incident management, risk analysis and investigations would bring a unique and fresh set of skills and ideas to our municipal Council and our Town.

I know many residents have voiced their concerns over the course of the past several years regarding certain proposed development projects, traffic issues, speeding, public security, vehicle thefts and break-ins, home robberies, etc. in our Town. I hear all these concerns and share many of the same ones.

I would love to be your voice and promise to ensure that your concerns are heard, addressed and resolved to the very best of my abilities, so please consider voting for me on November 7! I am always available at [nathaniel.ward@live.ca](mailto:nathaniel.ward@live.ca) to listen to your concerns, share ideas and answer any questions that you may have. Thank you.

*Nathaniel Ward*

## Candidates Seat 2 / Candidats Sièges 2



### Elizabeth Ulin

We know Montreal West has community spirit in spades. That's why most of us chose to raise our families here. As Recreation Councillor for the last 16 years, I've dedicated myself to nurturing that spirit: Refurbishing parks and playgrounds, expanding top-quality services, creating healthy places to live and play. Building a strong community also means fostering communication. In my time on Council, I have been responsible for establishing the Town's website, the e-bulletin, the Council Communiqué, our Social Media presence and, most recently, our online council meetings.

J'ai fondé le premier Comité environnemental de la municipalité et j'ai fortement appuyé des politiques et des programmes durables, dont la collecte de déchets organiques, l'utilisation d'énergies alternatives dans les établissements municipaux et la plantation proactive d'arbres, pour n'en nommer que quelques-uns. À présent, l'efficacité énergétique, la réduction de l'utilisation des combustibles fossiles et la revitalisation de notre couvert arborescent sont mes plus grandes priorités.

My professional background is in business and education, with an MBA from Concordia. I am comfortable scrutinizing budgets and debating public policy. My four council mandates have given me tremendous experience in the municipal sector. Particularly notable council achievements include the \$12.5M Recreation Complex grant, the \$28.2M investment in infrastructure (43% from government grants), the repayment of \$12.8M in debt and the delivery of exceptional services.

I hope I've gained your confidence. It would be an honour to continue serving you for the next four years. Please contact me at [eulin@videotron.ca](mailto:eulin@videotron.ca) to discuss any component of my candidacy.

*Elizabeth Ulin*



### Julien Feldman

My family found a home in MoWest, a special place where quality of life is worth defending. As a candidate, I stand for reviving the abandoned Westminster Revitalization project and championing traffic safety to tame uncontrolled Highway 20 through-traffic.

A MoWester for over a decade, my energies have focused on issues important to young families – preserving public schools and parks like Meadowbrook. We live near Royal West, our daughter's school, where the Town's landmark Devils Hill court decision closed the Broughton Rd. highway shortcut, preserving our quality of life.

Cette décision du tribunal a déclenché une révolution en sécurité routière dans les petites villes à travers le Québec, carte blanche pour réglementer la circulation en protégeant les enfants qui jouent dans les rues résidentielles.

I supported former mayor Campbell Stuart's Master Plan: Rec Centre, financial progress, holding the line on taxes. But now, proposals to eliminate the Strathearn parking lot and Council's silence on Westminster Revitalization raise both traffic and transparency concerns.

A Queens MBA, I honed public administration and community leadership skills as elected commissioner in the English public school network, starting out as governing board chair and French immersion advocate at my daughter's school.

As school commissioner, I was named Quebec's municipal "reformer of the year" for advocating oversight and good governance. I'm chairman of the Board's Governance and Ethics committee and also served in portfolios like Finance and Audit. As former chairman of the Human Resources committee, I spearheaded the successful constitutional challenge against Quebec's Bill 21.

*Julien Feldman*  
[julienseat2@outlook.com](mailto:julienseat2@outlook.com)

## La rencontre avec les candidats

La rencontre avec les candidats sera accessible en live sur YouTube.

Les informations de connexion (et les applications à télécharger) seront communiquées via un e-bulletin de la Ville quelques jours avant puis le jour même. Aussi, l'information sera également accessible via le site internet de la Ville via : [montreal-west.ca/fr/notre-ville/election-municipale-2021/](http://montreal-west.ca/fr/notre-ville/election-municipale-2021/).

## N'oubliez pas de voter !

### Meet the Candidates

The Meet the Candidates evening will be available on YouTube.

Applications to download and login information will be transmitted through a Town e-bulletin a few days before and the day of the meeting. The information will also be available on the Town Internet site at: [montreal-west.ca/en/our-town/municipal-election-2021/](http://montreal-west.ca/en/our-town/municipal-election-2021/).

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For more information :  
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Pour plus d'informations :  
[montreal-west.ca/fr/notre-ville/election-municipale-2021/](http://montreal-west.ca/fr/notre-ville/election-municipale-2021/)

## Town Council meeting: September



by Carol Foster

In response to a question asked at the August Council meeting, **Mayor Masella** was able to report the changes currently in progress on the *Parmalat/Lactalis* property. They will include the demolition of the old *Salvation Army* building and its replacement by a landscaping project. The facade of the *Parmalat/Lactalis* building will be modified to hide the mechanical equipment and visual and acoustic screens will be installed on the border of Montreal West to minimize nuisances generated by their operation. These changes have been carefully considered and will not have a detrimental impact on residents living in the area.

A call for tenders is being issued for professional services to design the new Sports and Recreation Centre. This design process will involve consultation with focus groups and users as well as an updated cost estimate. At the same time, the fundraising program, which will be the key component in the financing structure, is being developed by **Scott Mackenzie** and his team. The mayor repeated his commitment of adhering to the goal of a tax increase of \$100 for the average-valued home in the Town.

The Association of Suburban Municipalities has continued its push to get a fairer distribution of the cost of shared services from the Agglomeration Council with no

success. The ASM remains in constant touch with the Minister of Municipal Affairs to help move this process along. Issues that affect the municipalities will be the focus of a brief presented by the ASM during the Bill 96 hearings.

### Councillors' reports

With schools now in session, the PSOs are closely monitoring all the parking and stopping regulations around the schools, and **Councillor Mazzone** warned that tickets will be issued for non-compliance. A total of 130 parking tickets have already been issued in September. He reminded dog owners that dogs are not permitted in school yards and on sports fields. Vaccine passports have been required as of the first of September for certain recreational and cultural activities and those who want to participate are urged to have one available.

**Councillor Ulin** announced a new program for seniors being offered this fall. It involves a 45-minute walk around the Town followed by refreshments served in Davies Park. Some Outdoor Warrior classes are also being offered for those who want to work out no matter what the weather. Another new addition by the Recreation Department is the installation of a multi-person swing bench in Strathearn Park that Councillors Ulin and Feeney have already checked out. Their verdict was "It's a lot of fun." Ulin gave hearty thanks to the pool staff who worked hard at keeping the pool open and safe and she reminded residents that the arena will open September 27.

The Town Hall is now partially open to the public on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10 am-2 pm. COVID restrictions must be adhered to, and, except for people with reduced mobility, use of the front door only is permitted. **Councillor Feeney** reported that the Town is following the designated procedure for issuing a public notice of an auction (to be held on November 25) of properties for which no taxes have been paid as far back as 2019. Following the proposed zoning changes discussed at the last meeting, Councillor Feeney has written an article for *Council Communiqué* (in the October 2021 *Informer*). It explains the process required to adopt changes and points to the opportunities for citizens' input related to proposed zoning amendments.

Another 30 new trees will be planted in front lawns across Town beginning in October and **Councillor Torres** thanked the residents involved for their cooperation. She issued a reminder that parking is prohibited in areas where and when the street cleaner makes its rounds. And as the street cleaner will soon be replaced by snow plows, the Public Works staff has begun winterizing all the equipment and vehicles.

### First question period

Some familiar questions were asked and familiar answers given.

- The idea of a roundabout to alleviate congestion at the corner of Westminster and Avon has been considered and deemed unfeasible because of the space it would require as well as the detrimental effect it would have for pedestrians.
- Trees that require attention should be reported to the Public Works Department where they will be put on a priority list.
- The Traffic and Safety Committee will investigate speeding complaints and will monitor the area to determine if deterrents are advisable.
- Roads in need of repairs are put on a yearly list that the provincial government reviews and decides which areas qualify for grants.
- The problem of parking on Strathearn during the school season is a longstanding one and even the four-hour parking restrictions aren't enough to alleviate it. The Traffic and Safety Committee will have a look at this problem. But some new issues were raised as well.
- The fact that Davies Park is heavily used and has no public washrooms is a situation that will be looked into by Council.
- Although Public Works staff continually work on repairs to sidewalks, a photo of a particular problem sent to the department would be useful.
- Some outdoor rinks will be available this winter although they may be fewer than last year.
- The normal time for a response to a request for access to information is between 20 and 30 days.
- Replying to a request for more details about the new Sports and Recreation Centre, the mayor stated that the annual \$100 tax increase for the average-valued residence in the Town is a goal that Council has set for itself. It is not a calculation such as the other sources of financing that will balance the financial picture. The amount of time this increase will be in effect will be determined when Council adopts the loan bylaw and it is approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs. It is too early to determine what the interest rates will be on the loan. The number of taxpayers presently in the Town is 1,576.

Among other business discussed, it was noted that the Town's budget for the municipal election had been set at \$80,000. However, an additional \$40,000, required due to the Covid regulations imposed, will be transferred from the surplus fund.

With no further questions submitted, the meeting was adjourned.



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## Réunion du Conseil : septembre



par Carol Foster  
traduction par René Boucher

En réponse à une question posée lors de la réunion du Conseil en août dernier, le **maire Masella** a parlé des travaux en cours sur la propriété de *Parmalat/Lactalis* qui comprendront la démolition de la vieille bâtisse de *l'Armée du Salut* et son remplacement par un aménagement paysager. La façade de l'édifice *Parmalat/Lactalis* sera modifiée pour cacher les équipements mécaniques extérieurs et des écrans visuels et acoustiques seront installés aux limites de Montréal-Ouest pour amenuiser les nuisances de leur fonctionnement. Ces modifications ont été soigneusement étudiées et n'auront pas d'effet nuisible sur les résidents du secteur.

La Ville lance un appel d'offres de services professionnels pour la conception du nouveau centre sportif et récréatif. Le processus de conception comprendra la consultation de groupes témoins et d'usagers ainsi qu'une estimation des coûts mise à jour. Parallèlement, la collecte de fonds, composante clé du financement est en élaboration par **Scott Mackenzie** et son équipe. Le maire a réitéré son engagement à viser une hausse d'impôt de 100 \$ pour la maison de valeur moyenne dans la ville.

L'Association des municipalités de banlieue a poursuivi, sans succès, ses efforts pour obtenir du conseil d'agglomération une distribution plus équitable des coûts des services partagés. L'AMB demeure en contact constant avec la ministre des Affaires municipales pour aider à faire avancer ce processus. Les problèmes qui touchent les municipalités seront au centre d'un mémoire présenté par l'AMB lors des audiences sur le projet de loi 96.

### Rapports des membres du Conseil

Avec le retour en classe, les ASP surveillent de près les interdictions de stationnement et d'arrêt aux abords des écoles et le **conseiller Mazzone** a indiqué que les contrevenants recevraient des contraventions. À ce jour, 130 constats d'infraction de stationnement ont été remis en septembre. Il a rappelé aux propriétaires de chiens que ceux-ci sont interdits dans les cours d'école et les terrains de sport. Le passeport vaccinal est requis depuis le 1er septembre pour certaines activités récréatives et culturelles et quiconque désire y prendre part est incité à s'en munir.

La **conseillère Ulin** a annoncé un nouveau programme offert aux aînés cet automne. Il s'agit d'une marche de 45 minutes en ville suivie de rafraîchissements au parc Davies. Ceux et celles qui souhaitent s'entraîner, quel que soit le temps peuvent s'inscrire à l'Entraînement du guerrier. L'installation d'une

balançoire multipersonne au parc Strathearn constitue un autre ajout du service des Loisirs; les **conseillères Ulin** et **Feeney** en ont déjà fait l'essai et leur verdict est «très plaisant!» Mme Ulin a chaleureusement remercié le personnel de la piscine qui a travaillé fort pour garder la piscine ouverte et sans danger cet été, et elle a rappelé l'ouverture de la patinoire le 27 septembre.

L'hôtel de ville est dorénavant partiellement ouvert au public, les mardis et mercredis de 10 h à 14 h. On doit respecter les restrictions COVID et, sauf pour les gens à mobilité réduite, seule l'entrée principale est utilisée. Selon la **conseillère Feeney**, la Ville respecte la procédure prescrite pour émettre un avis public d'encan (devant se tenir le 25 novembre) pour des propriétés dont les impôts sont impayés depuis aussi longtemps que 2019. Par suite des propositions de changement de zonage discutées lors de la dernière réunion, Mme Feeney a rédigé un article pour le *Communiqué du Conseil* (dans *l'Informateur* d'octobre 2021), qui explique la procédure d'adoption et indique les occasions pour les citoyens de faire connaître leurs vues relatives aux amendements proposés.

Trente autres arbres seront plantés sur des parterres avant dans la ville débutant en octobre et la **conseillère Torres** a remercié les résidents impliqués pour leur collaboration. Elle a fait un rappel de l'interdiction de stationner où et quand le balai mécanique fait ses rondes. Et puisque la charue devra bientôt remplacer la balayeuse, le personnel des Travaux publics a commencé à préparer les véhicules et équipements pour l'hiver.

### Première période de questions

Des questions familières ont été posées et ont amené des réponses aussi familières.

- L'idée d'un carrefour giratoire pour réduire la congestion à l'angle Westminster et Avon a déjà été considérée et jugée irréalisable en raison de l'espace requis et de l'effet nuisible aux piétons.
- On doit signaler les arbres qui nécessitent des soins au service des Travaux. Ils seront placés sur une liste prioritaire.
- Le Comité de circulation et de sécurité (CCS) analysera les plaintes de vitesse excessive et, au besoin, surveillera le secteur pour déterminer les moyens de dissuasion.
- Les rues ayant besoin d'entretien sont portées sur une liste annuelle que le gouvernement provincial révisé et ce dernier décide quels secteurs se qualifient pour des subventions.
- Le problème du stationnement sur Strathearn pendant l'année scolaire perdue et même la limitation de stationnement de quatre heures ne suffit pas à le réduire.

Le CCS se penchera sur le problème.

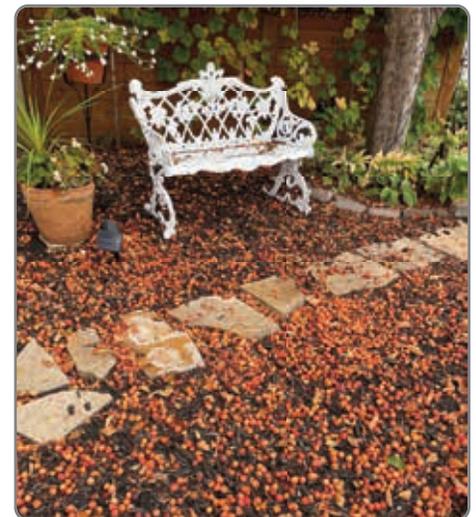
Par ailleurs, de nouvelles questions ont aussi été soulevées.

- Le Conseil analysera la situation du parc Davies qui connaît une forte fréquentation, mais n'offre pas de toilettes publiques.
- Même si le personnel des Travaux publics répare continuellement les trottoirs, une photo d'un problème particulier transmise au service peut s'avérer utile.
- Des patinoires extérieures seront offertes cet hiver, mais possiblement en moins grand nombre que l'an dernier.
- Le délai normal de réponse à une demande d'accès à l'information varie de 20 à 30 jours.
- Répondant à une demande de détails concernant le nouveau centre sportif et récréatif, le maire a indiqué que la hausse de taxe annuelle de 100 \$ pour la maison de valeur moyenne est un objectif que le Conseil s'est fixé. Ce n'est pas un calcul comme les autres sources de financement qui équilibreront le portrait financier. La durée au cours de laquelle cette augmentation sera en vigueur sera déterminée lorsque le Conseil adoptera son règlement d'emprunt et aura reçu l'approbation du ministre des Affaires municipales. Il est trop tôt pour déterminer le taux d'intérêt de l'emprunt. Le nombre actuel de contribuables dans la ville se chiffre à 1576.

Parmi les autres affaires discutées, notons le budget pour les élections municipales fixé à 80 000 \$. Par contre, 40 000 \$ additionnels, nécessaires en raison des règles COVID, seront pris à même le fonds des surplus.

Aucune autre question n'étant soulevée pour la deuxième période de questions, la séance a été levée.

An autumn bench on Westminster





# COMING EVENTS / À VENIR

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

**Next deadline: November 10**

## October

- Tue 26** **The Threads of Memory:** MoWest seniors connecting through stories. Email mwpl.librarian@gmail.com. *Every Tuesday.* 3 pm.
- Wed 27** **Chess Club.** All welcome. Public Library. *Every Wednesday.* 4:45 pm.
- Wed 27** **Meet the candidates.** Zoom 7 pm. **Rencontrez les candidats.** Zoom. 19 h.
- Thu 28** **Drama Club.** All welcome. Public Library. *Every Thursday.* 4:45 pm.
- Sun 31** **Advance poll.** Elizabeth Ballantyne School. 9:30 am-8 pm. / **Vote par anticipation.** École Elizabeth Ballantyne. 9 h 30 à 20 h.

## November

- Tue 2** **Tea and Truth and Reconciliation Circle meeting.** Everyone welcome. Email mwlib.requests@gmail.com to register. 1 pm.
- Fri 5** **Remembrance lecture.** Details to be confirmed; see website.
- Sat 6** **Remembrance ceremony.** Limited spots. Vaccine passports required; masks are recommended. Please reserve on amilia or call 484-6186. Cenotaph. 12:30 pm.
- Sun 7** **A Walk to Remember.** Led by Dr. Robert Drummond. Must register on amilia. 1 pm.
- Sun 7** **Polling day.** Royal West Academy and Edinburgh School. 9:30 am-8 pm. / **Jour du scrutin.** Académie Royal West et École Edinburgh. 9 h 30 à 20 h.
- Wed 10** **War Time Music - In Remembrance.** Online, please register on amilia and see page 17. 2 pm.
- Mon 15** **Town Council meeting**  
Online at: facebook.com/montrealwest. 8 pm.
- Wed 17** **Tea and Books.** Zoom. Everyone welcome. Email mwlib.requests@gmail.com to register. 2 pm.
- Thu 25** **Water tax due / Échéance des taxes d'eau**

## Questions to candidates

Given the complexity of organizing the Meet the Candidates evening in person, it has been decided the meeting will be held virtually on Zoom.

**IMPORTANT:** There are **two seats** being contested. These are positions on our Town Council and are not yet assigned any specific responsibilities or files! As such, you are electing the people you feel will be best capable of representing or working for you and your interests, regardless of the file they will be assigned. Who will manage the individual files will be determined by the mayor *after* the election.

- Please note that this is not a debate; it is an opportunity to hear from the candidates.
- Please indicate your name and what street you live on.
- You may provide a SHORT preamble.
- You may ask one or more questions, but they will not necessarily be asked consecutively.
- You may ask a question to a particular candidate or a specific seat, but none may be addressed to all candidates.
- Questions are allowed in the two official languages.

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## Two ways to ask questions

**In advance:** please by send your question to *The Informer* (montrealwestinformer@gmail.com) no later than October 26 at 4 pm.

**During the meeting:** to join the live Q&A during the meeting please go to slido.com and enter MWCandidates in the box beside "Join as participant." When prompted for the password, enter MWCandidates.

## Questions aux candidats

Étant donné la complexité d'organiser la séance de rencontre des candidats en présentiel, il a été décidé que la séance se tiendrait virtuellement sur Zoom.

**IMPORTANT :** Il y a deux sièges à pourvoir. Il s'agit de poste au sein de notre Conseil municipal et aucune responsabilité ou dossier spécifique ne leur est encore attribué ! Vous éliez donc les personnes qui, selon vous, seraient les plus à même de vous représenter et de travailler pour vous et vos intérêts, indépendamment du dossier qui leur sera attribué. Le maire assignera les dossiers spécifiques à chaque élu *après* l'élection.

- Veuillez noter qu'il ne s'agit pas d'un débat, mais d'une occasion d'entendre les candidats.
- Veuillez indiquer votre nom et la rue où vous habitez.
- Vous pouvez fournir un COURT préambule.
- Vous pouvez poser une ou plusieurs questions, mais elles ne seront pas posées consécutivement.
- Vous pouvez poser une question à un candidat particulier ou à un siège spécifique, mais aucune question ne peut être adressée à tous les candidats.
- Les questions sont acceptées dans les deux langues officielles.

## Deux façons de poser leurs questions :

**Avant la séance :** en envoyant votre question à *The Informer* (montrealwestinformer@gmail.com) au plus tard le 26 octobre à 16 h.

**Pendant la séance :** pour participer à la séance de questions-réponses en direct, rendez-vous sur slido.com et entrez MWCandidates dans la case située à côté de « Joining as a participant ». Le mot de passe est MWCandidates.

## Classifieds

**DOMESTIC HELP WANTED:** Senior retired couple in Montreal West looking for reliable, conscientious person to undertake cleaning our home on a regular basis - keeping kitchen and bathrooms sparkling and general cleaning throughout. Contact Helen (514-488-9909, hmgdonahue@gmail.com) and provide local references and proof of double vaccination.