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Dear neighbours and residents of Montreal West,

SAFETY

The Westminster level crossing pilot project is complete. The missing bollards were installed last week. With the help of staff, the SPVM, and the Sustainable Mobility Committee, a few modifications and adjustments may occur in the short term. For example, additional or more prominent signage may be added or relocated.

Before the project was implemented, our PSOs submitted the new Westminster configuration to Google Maps and Waze. Although this is out of our control, we hope the changes will soon be reflected in their navigation software. This may help alleviate some of the issues encountered by motorists using the level crossing for the first time.

As stated before, this is a pilot project, which means alterations can be made to make the level crossing more fluid and safer. All users need a sufficient adaptation period so that we can judge what changes need to be made, if any. We have requested an enhanced police presence on Westminster and surrounding streets as a traffic calming measure.

Thank you for your continuing support and patience in this matter.

Montreal West is a fabulous place to trick-or-treat, so much so that we draw crowds from neighbouring towns. We know how to throw a party! Not to dampen the festivities, but please be careful:

- Trick-or-treat on one side of the street to avoid crossing repeatedly.
- Go in groups.
- Make sure your costume doesn't obstruct your visibility (masks, for example).
- Make yourself visible to motorists, possibly by adding reflective tape or stickers to your costume.
- Have an adult check your Halloween candy.

Finally, for motorists: if you need to be on the road, please drive slowly and be extra vigilant. Our PSOs will be patrolling extensively during Halloween.

On Nov. 1, electric leaf blowers will be permitted on our territory for the entire month. Gas-powered leaf blowers are still not permitted. Use is permitted on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is forbidden to blow leaves onto someone else's private property, onto the street, or onto public property.

Si vous engagez un paysagiste privé pour votre nettoyage d'automne, assurez-vous qu'il détient un permis l'autorisant à travailler sur le territoire de la Ville. Malheureusement, c'est déjà le moment de l'année où l'on commence à penser au déneigement; la même exigence s'applique donc à tous

les entrepreneurs privés en déneigement : un permis valide pour exercer sur le territoire de la Ville est requis à compter du 15 novembre. Tout propriétaires sont tenus responsables et doivent s'assurer que leurs entrepreneurs respectent les règlements de la Ville lorsqu'ils travaillent sur leurs propriétés.

SPORTS & RECREATION

Registration for the winter recreational programming will start Nov. 2.

Upcoming events:

The Halloween Spooktacular takes place on Oct. 30, starting at 5 p.m. Come dressed in your costume and enjoy a fun evening of candy, a photo booth, live performers, free hot dogs, and hot chocolate, followed by a movie at 6 p.m.

Patinage libre de l'Halloween, le 31 octobre, de 16 h à 18 h. Venez costumés pour un patinage animé par de la musique sur le thème de l'Halloween avant d'aller ramasser des bonbons.

Here to serve,

Philippe "Phil" Bergeron

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