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Delayed Westminster reconfiguration goes ahead

by Trish Hewat

Residents and non-residents alike have been grappling with recent traffic configuration changes on Westminster from Milner to Avon. And, while it may seem to some as though these changes came out of nowhere, they have been in the works for some time.

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Seated Lili Tang, beside her is Jasmine; standing Chea, Ding and Leon; missing is Sherly

Twenty years for *Top Beauté*

by Trish Hewat

I climb the few stairs that lead to the shop floor. **Lili Tang** is standing at the top. She greets me with a welcoming smile. My eyes scan the shop. Reflected in the row of mirrors on the wall is a customer having his hair trimmed, the sunlight bouncing off the scissors in the stylist's hands. The sun is streaming through the large front windows, making the shop and its white interior a light-filled space where much of the colour comes from the large plants dotting the shop floor. The whiteness directs your eyes to the other source of colour… the wall at the back where small bottles of every conceivable colour, in all gradations and shades, line its shelves.

Lili invites me to sit in the alcove waiting area where we can talk. A few plants intersect the chairs. A large bougainvillea awash in red flowers dominates the space.

"So, you've just passed your twentieth anniversary as owner of *Top Beauté*," I say. "What led a Vancouver

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Traffic reconfiguration

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The changes came in response to a Letter of Non-Compliance received by the Town from *Transport Canada* in November 2023. As a result of chronic traffic congestion on Westminster, a major access route to Highway 20, cars were often stuck on the level crossing at Westminster, contravening Federal Grade Crossing Regulations that state "if there is evidence that queued traffic regularly stops on that crossing surface," a road authority must take measures to ensure that the crossing is kept clear of motor vehicles."

In response to the letter, the previous Mo West Council, under Mayor **Beny Masella**, engaged engineering firm *WSP* to do a study of the area. In June 2025, the Town held a public meeting to present the results of the study, including the proposed changes. However, in September 2025, after inviting contractors to submit bids on the project, the Town announced that it could not proceed as it had received no appropriate contractor bids to do the work.

Following the election of November 2025, the new Council, led by Mayor **Jonathan Cha,** resurrected the Westminster reconfiguration project, again sending out bids for tender. The Town secured a contractor, at a cost of $78,000, to complete the necessary work to implement the pilot project. Alongside the Sherbrooke/Westminster reconfiguration, work would also begin at Ainslie to restrict the number of lanes that pedestrians have to cross from four to two.

The projected date for the work to be done was the summer of 2026. However, a months-long *CPKC* signal workers' strike prevented the work from being done as planned. Following the resolution of the strike, it was announced that there would be overnight road closures between September 28 and October 3 on Westminster between Avon and Milner to allow the work to proceed.

But as the reconfiguration construction began, it resulted in additional delays, with southbound morning traffic backed up on Westminster to the Hump, causing frayed nerves for drivers. Those taking buses to catch their trains had to get off and walk at the Hump to avoid the 40-minute drive down Westminster. Townspeople readily announced their frustrations on social media and sent countless emails to the Town.

At rush hours, particularly at the Westminster/Sherbrooke intersection, drivers were seen disregarding both the new signage and lane change arrows. Motorists continued to turn left from Sherbrooke onto Westminster to cross the tracks. Only when a police officer was directing the traffic during the morning and afternoon rush hours were cars reluctantly turning right after the officer signalled motorists an average of three times. The same was noted at Broughton as cars ignored the no left turn sign. It required constant vigilance from the officer on the tracks to cajole drivers into abiding by the new rules.

Mayor Cha says the Town had asked police to increase their presence during the reconfiguration construction and also in the weeks following its completion to ensure the safety of drivers, pedestrians and bikers alike. The Town has no direct power over the police, he pointed out, but he said we encourage them to enforce the *Highway Safety Code* and issue tickets for moving violations.

Councillor Bergeron added that the police at the level crossing are hired by *exo*, Montreal's public transit system, and it is *exo*'s decision how long they stay. Nor does the Town have authority over the crossing guard at Ainslie. The guard is there at the request of the *Agglo* and the *SPVM*, who will decide if the guard will stay after the construction is completed.

When contacted for comment, the *SPVM* media representative said that the police/crossing guard presence at Ainslie was for the duration of the construction. The police officer at the rail crossing, the spokesman said, is hired by the *exo*. While the officer can direct traffic and give tickets for infractions, they are primarily there to observe the security measures at the crossing, that is to ensure that cars and pedestrians aren't crossing the tracks when the barriers are operating. It is a commercial contract which operates during the school year.

"We'll only know about the success of the project after its completion and drivers have adapted to the new changes," Cha says. "We will commission a specialized firm to analyze the performance of the configuration and the Town may then make adjustments to the signage or the layout as needed."

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Thank you, Joan and Bill Foster

Strathearn Park has a new bench… it is a very special bench that both celebrates and thanks Joan and Bill Foster for their great contribution to the caring and vibrant fabric of the Montreal West community.

Joan and **Bill** moved to Montreal West in 1978. Their daughters **Sarah** and **Rebecca** were raised here. Joan and Bill quickly integrated into the community and they became dynamic, innovative and committed members. They were involved in the United Church, Meals on Wheels, the Remembrance Day celebration and the Canada Day barbecue, to name but a few.



Photo: Julia Ross

Joan was the recipient of the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award in 2002 in recognition of her participation and leadership role in the Guiding movement, as well as her involvement in many other volunteer roles. But, in truth, the award was premature since Joan was only getting warmed up for the many other caregiving roles that she would undertake as a community nurse.

I worked with Joan for many years and witnessed her fearless and vigorous advocacy for proper home care for both the elderly and those in need. During the ice storm, Joan worked tirelessly to ensure the safety of those who were housebound. While working at the Loyola shelter, she mobilized friends and neighbours to help in this crisis. She arranged for the delivery of food, medications, health care and transportation… all this was possible because Joan knew her community and its unique needs. Never any fanfare, but get the job done!

Assessing situations

One of Joan's greatest attributes was her ability to assess situations that needed a remedy and then proceed to find the solution. Such was the situation 40 years ago when Joan became aware that there would not be a delivery of Meals on Wheels on Christmas Day. She quickly assembled a team of volunteers (family members the first year!) to make full turkey meals and actually deliver them on Christmas Day. This initiative, which Joan spearheaded, continues to this day. It is but a small part of her lasting legacy.



Photo: Alex Brzezinski

Joan Foster tries the new bench in Strathearn Park

Joan recently moved to Vancouver to be closer to family.

Needless to say, Joan's presence in MoWest has been defined by her generosity of spirit, her medical knowledge and her commitment to her community. She loved her profession, and her patients loved her. She was a great friend and a wonderful neighbour.

Joan will be greatly missed. She leaves an impossible void to fill in the community. We all wish her some well-deserved time for herself and family! Big hugs!

from Marie Yaremko

Things that keep us grounded

All is not well in the Kingdom of Denmark. "Time is out of joint," declares Hamlet, a quote fitting for our era, I fear.

Where has our sense of time gone? How do we keep ourselves grounded when strawberries are available year-round, when the touch of a button is sufficient to have our hearts' desire delivered to our doorsteps?

One could argue that civilization begins with the marking of time. The Greeks had their Olympics every four years, the Romans divided the years in months, Christianity organized itself around holy days.... And we, it seems, do not know how to differentiate one day from the next, our minds so taken with absolute immediacy, with temporary findings that change when algorithms do. How do we connect with what is bigger than ourselves?

I have found solace in the minute things, in the cycle of the garden, in the repetitive day to day tasks. When I cook, I know that those who came before have done precisely what I am doing: stirring a pot, dicing onions. I can picture my aunt in Germany in the 70s or a woman in Ancient Greece tending to the hearth, and in that fleeting moment, I commune with humanity through the ages.

How do we face times of uncertainty, when wars, egos and technology seem to collide? I do not have a perfect answer, but as I walk on the now familiar streets of Montreal West, admiring gardens, shades of brick and homes that have stood since the Town was founded, I think to myself that though the prettiest of roses will wilt, the memory of its bloom stays with me. It is a gift to be alive.

by Olivia Wien

ART etc. celebrates ruby anniversary

This year *ART etc.* is celebrating the 40th anniversary of holding our show in Montreal West. Our group began with some names people will know or remember: **Veronique Belzil-Boucher**, **Lise McVey** and **Sue Smith**, to name a few.

It was an idea for local artisans to showcase their work and provide a venue for connection, information, community and sales. It worked; the community enjoyed the event, and here we are today. We have tried many ideas over the years: a Friday night wine and cheese vernissage with a silent auction to benefit the *Montreal Gazette Christmas Fund*; having various community groups as guests during our event so they can connect with the community; we've had choirs and musical groups as entertainment and we have partnered with community groups so they can do the lunch/tea rooms on the Saturday and Sunday. We also participated for years in the Canada Day parade.



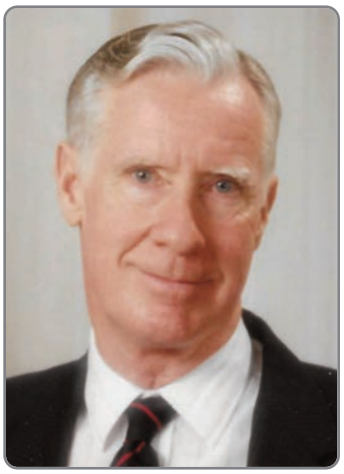
It has all been such fun and lots of hard work shared amongst our committee members.

We invite you to come visit the *ART etc.* show in November. We will be open Saturday, November 21, 10 am-4 pm and Sunday, November 22, 10 am-4 pm at the Town Hall.

At various times over the weekend, there will be cake! We'll have photo albums from previous years. Come celebrate with us!

from Cate Gregory

In memoriam



Clifford Reid

1931-2026

Clifford Arthur Norman Reid was born in Montreal on January 8, 1931. A long-time resident, Norman passed away peacefully on October 9 at the age of 95; he was predeceased by his beloved wife of 58 years, **Helen**, in 2012. Survived by loving children **Norma, Harvey (Lee Anne), Nancy (David), Kenneth (Julie), Mary-Jane (Terry) and Margaret (Michel)**. "Gramps" to 14 grandchildren; great-grandfather to 24, with a 25th on the way. He also leaves to mourn his brother **Edwin Reid** and sister **Linda (Reid/Gibson) English**, as well as many nieces, nephews and their families.

Norman was the second of five children born to **Clifford Bowman** and **Grace Rachel (nee Lane) Reid** of the Town of Mount Royal/Montreal West. Some would describe him as quiet, reserved and even shy, but with a competitive streak on the side. While in *RCAF 401 Squadron*, he met his devoted wife, Helen Viau. A loyal family man, Norman enjoyed a distinguished 38-year flying career with *TCA/ Air Canada*. Although he dabbled with fixing cars, motorcycles, pretty much anything with a motor, he loved dogs, golf, curling, horse races and even boxing! Norman could watch golf and curling on television all day. He loved spending time at the cottage in the Eastern Townships and was most pleased when family members used and enjoyed it as well.

In his younger years, Norman served his church, *MoWest United*, *RCAF 401 Squadron*, *Lake-shore Civitan Club* as well as actively serving on Council as Commissioner of Public Works in the 1970s and ran for mayor in 1977. He loved Christmas and Easter family gatherings, which included great feasts that Norman really enjoyed.

In lieu of flowers, donations to *MoWest United Church* or the Donegal Fund at *MoWest United Church* would be greatly appreciated.

Mary-Jane (Reid) Callin

Rotary

Soirée annuelle des huîtres plus

Notre club local continue d'être actif au sein de la communauté, en créant et en finançant des projets qui améliorent notre communauté et la vie de ses habitants. Parmi les projets récemment achevés, mentionnons le remplacement du poêle de cuisine pour les sans-abri qui fournit 1000 repas par jour, et la rénovation de la salle de repos des infirmières à l'hôpital Douglas.

VEN novembre 6

Comme le *Rotary* est basé sur le soutien communautaire, les projets caritatifs et l'implication locale, de nouveaux projets sont toujours envisagés dans notre région de Montréal.

De plus, nous continuons à soutenir certains projets internationaux en collaboration avec d'autres clubs qui comprennent : la reconstruction d'un hôpital pédiatrique au Liban, le soutien aux victimes du tremblement de terre en Turquie (fourniture de classes modulaires) et les subventions d'aide aux sinistrés en Ukraine.

Le club est ravi de faire équipe avec notre conseil municipal de Mo-Ouest en tant que contributeur majeur à une initiative en cours. Plus de détails seront communiqués dès que les plans seront finalisés.

Notre soirée des huîtres annuelle avec collecte de fonds aura lieu le 6 novembre, de 19h à 21h, à l'Hôtel de ville. C'est toujours une soirée amusante avec des huîtres fraîches, des pâtes, des salades et un choix de boissons avec ou sans alcool. Le prix d'entrée est de 75 $ par personne et un encan clôturera la soirée.

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de Gordon Murray

Annual Oyster Party Plus

FRI November 6

Our *Rotary* club continues to be active within the community, initiating and funding projects that enhance and improve our community and people's lives. Projects recently completed include a homeless day shelter kitchen replacement stove that provides 1000 meals per day and the renovation of the nurses' break room at the Douglas Hospital.

As *Rotary* is based on community support, charitable projects and local involvement, new projects are always being considered within our region. We also continue to support select international projects in conjunction with other clubs via funding contributions. Examples include: the rebuilding of a pediatric hospital in Lebanon, construction of portable classrooms in the wake of the Turkey earthquake and Ukraine disaster response grants.

The club is excited to team up with the Town Council as a major fund contributor of a pending initiative. As plans are finalized, details will be shared.

Our annual fundraising Oyster Party is scheduled for November 6, 7-9 pm, at the Town Hall. Always a fun evening with fresh oysters, pasta side dishes, salads and alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages available. This year's event fee is $75 per person, with an auction rounding up the night.

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from Gordon Murray

Rotary hosts provincial election debate

On September 22, the *Rotary Club* hosted a debate between the provincial election candidates. Moderated by Mayor **Jonathan Cha**, five candidates participated: **Élise Davignon** (Québec Solidaire), **Vincent Hubert** (Parti Québécois), **Désirée McGraw** (Quebec Liberal Party), **Christian Turgeon** (Canadian Party of Quebec) and **Alex Tyrrell** (Green Party of Quebec).



Active walking group: fall walks

On September 1, 19 active walkers took part in the first fall outing, our destination being the *Floralies Gardens*. It was a novel trip for most, with some validating their Opus cards for the first time, and the group taking the *exo* train, the Metro, then the Casino bus to reach Parc Jean Drapeau on Île Notre-Dame. Signs to the points of interest in the gardens were lacking (except for the abundant ones for the Casino), but luckily no one got tempted to stray from the group! It was a glorious September day and a new destination for many, and about 10,000 steps clocked in to boot.

As our outings are always on the first Tuesday of the month, October 6 was the next date for our active walkers, this time to the Mount Royal Cemetery, with a tour offered by **Miriam Cloutier**, a fantastic guide and longtime member of the *Friends of the Mount Royal Cemetery*. We stopped by many of the notable interments, including past prime ministers, scientists, philanthropists and a brewing tycoon, as well as the most visited grave, that of David Thompson (1770-1857), regarded as one of the greatest land geographers in history. Buried with him is his wife Charlotte Small (1785-1857), member of the Cree nation, who served as his essential interpreter, guide and cultural bridge.



Members of the Active walking group on a fall walk to the Floralies Gardens in September

Great stories behind each stop made for a fascinating visit for all!

Next outing: Tuesday, November 3 to St. Joseph's Oratory, one of the iconic landmarks of Montreal. Please join us by signing up on Amilia!

from Barbara Tekker

Top Beauté

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kid to a small community like Montreal West to start up a business?"

"I just sort of came across this place. I had been working downtown in a unisex salon cutting hair. I was in the neighbourhood and saw this business was for sale. And I thought it would be nice to own a place of my own."

"You must have been fairly young when you bought this," I observe.

"Yes. I opened in October 2006. I was young, very young when I started here," Lili smiles and tilts her head, "but when you're young you have no fear. You just dive into things. So I did. I bought the business. **Rocco** had owned it for 40 years. And I was very lucky. Rocco was a kind man, and he agreed to stay to help me learn about how to run a business and the importance of building a customer base. He stayed for three years and in that time I learned a lot."

Originally from China, Lili made her way to Montreal via Vancouver. Born in Guangdong and the youngest of nine siblings, Lili came to Vancouver as a teenager with her parents. Many of her siblings joined the family later and found jobs out west. After a year and a half Lili moved with her parents to Montreal.

Lili says she has always wanted to make people beautiful. In Vancouver, she had taken a three-month course at hair school to see if this was for her and she liked it. In Montreal, she attended a one-year course at *LaSalle College* in hairdressing. After graduating, she found a job downtown at a salon in the Eaton Centre.

"There it's different," she said. "Customers come and go. Here it's a community, and you have repeat customers, and it's repeat customers that keep a business going."

It's time for my pedicure. I thought, since I'm here, why not treat myself to an early birthday present. Lili leads me to the back of the shop where the pedicures are done.

I climb into a black leather chair and settle in. There is a foot bath attached to the base of the chair, and the pedicurist who is in charge of beautifying my feet sits on the other side of it. **Leon** smiles and directs me to dip my feet into the bath as it fills up with warm water. This is a new experience for me. I've never had a pedicure before.

Lili presses a red button on the arm of the chair. "It's a massage chair," she tells me. I can feel the mechanical fingers pressing into the top of my back. They travel slowly down both sides of my back, then make their way up, then down again in repetitive movements. The water has filled the footbath. I'm beginning to feel quite relaxed. This, I can tell, is going to be more than just a trim and paint experience. I'm going to get pampered… for a whole hour.

Pick a colour

The pedicurist hands me a metal ring strung with different coloured plastic nails attached to lengths of cardboard. As I flip through the multitude of shades, he helps simplify my choice. "Maybe a nice burgundy for fall," he suggests.



Lili Tang

He chats to me as he takes one foot at a time out of the bath and rests it on a towel covering the footrest in front of him and starts to work. He picks some small clippers from the cart on wheels beside him that has an impressive variety of pedi tools to choose from. As he does, he tells me how he and Lili have known each other for 30 years. They first met when they worked together in a downtown salon and then became friends.

After some nail trimming, he turns his attention to my cuticles. That done, it's on to a little foot exfoliation. Then comes the foot massage. As his fingers press into my feet and up my ankles, I feel the tension melt away. Now it's time to apply the colour. It looks good. I now have feet that are ready to face the world.

Montreal West's historic signal tower

by Joanna Duy

Commonly referred to as "the block tower," this little gem of a building has a unique history that reflects our town in interesting ways. Part one of this story will give a brief overview of the tower's purpose and history, and part two will tell the story of the building's loving restoration for the town's Centennial in 1997.

Built in 1917 by the *CPR* to help control traffic on the web of train tracks that run through Montreal West, the signal tower was first staffed by **Raymond Kahala**, according to **David Watson**'s historical book *Montreal West Looking Back Montreal Junction*. The book claims that "Raymond knew all the children passing the tower on their way to and from school." In addition to working at the signal tower, he also cut hair before MoWest had a barber shop!

The person operating the switches in the tower had to be paying attention (which is also a good quality to have when cutting hair). In the early 1900s, there were almost 100 trains a day going through "Montreal Junction" (the pre-1897 name for Montreal West; the *CPR* continued to refer to it as Montreal Junction until 1914) whose station telegraph call letters were "BN" (reportedly after the **Ballantyne** family).



The original mechanical interlocking mechanism meant that whoever was in the signal tower would have to manually pull long levers to control the switches and ensure that trains stayed on the correct track and avoid a crash. These levers were nicknamed "armstrong" because of the amount of muscle strength required to pull them. According to the *Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum* website*: "The interlocking machine itself was actually an early type of computer. The ingenious design of the interlocking mechanism allowed the operator to manipulate various levers without permitting conflicting routes" – that is, the mechanism would not allow the levers to be moved into positions that would result in a train crash. The interlocking machine would likely have been built first, and the tower building constructed around it.

According to a 2019 article about the "BN" signal tower published in *Canadian Rail* magazine, in 1934, the older mechanical levered system was replaced with an electrical "pistol grip" system, which was easier to switch. The crossing gates and bell were also operated by the person in the signal tower.



The last operator of the signal tower, Homer B. Beers, took this image from inside the tower, likely in 1985, before the Tower stopped being used for switching. [Photo by Homer B. Beers, originally included in an article authored by Stan J. Smaill in the 2019 volume of *Canadian Rail* entitled "'OS BN!' - Remembering Canadian Pacific Railway's Montreal West"]

It seems that MoWest has long been a popular spot for "trainspotting," with train enthusiasts coming from miles around to see some of the incredible steam locomotives that passed through the town over the decades. **Heather Baylis**, Editor-in-Chief at *The Informer*, remembers working in the tower (*The Informer*'s office for many years) one day when she saw a gathering of people outside gawking at the trains as they passed through. She went out to meet them and invited them up to the Tower's second floor to watch the trains. "You should have seen their faces!" she recalls. "They loved it."

According to the *Canadian Rail* article, "In 1985, the last year Montreal West Tower was staffed by an operator, control of the signals and switches was transferred to the CTC installation at St. Luc Yard." Although the signal tower is no longer controlling the trains that come through town, it stands as a historic reminder of the importance of railways to the spirit of our Town.

Next time…how an incredible effort by locals helped restore the tower.

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Men's basketball


Indoor soccer

A busy fall for the *CRA*!

It has been a busy and exciting start to the fall season at the *MW Civic Recreation Association* (*MWCRA*), with our indoor and on-ice programs in full swing! From our youngest athletes to our adult participants, it has been wonderful to see so many families back in action.

Indoor soccer

Indoor soccer continues to grow! New this year, our programs welcome players as young as three years old, all the way up to adults. Our youngest players are learning the basics on Monday afternoons, while boys and girls ages 7-15 are keeping the Royal West Academy gym busy in the evenings. Registration for our winter session will be opening soon!

Basketball

Basketball is another big hit this fall, with strong registration numbers and Thursday nights at RWA buzzing with activity. Players as young as seven to 13 are learning to dribble, pass and shoot. There is something for everyone, and our men's players take the court for a game of 21.

Gymnastics program

Our gymnastics program is once again full, with young gymnasts learning bridges, somersaults, balance and coordination and, of course, enjoying everyone's favourite parachute games!

Free fall baseball clinic

New this fall is a free fall baseball clinic, and the response has been fantastic, with over 35 players registered! Led by Mudhens coaches **Chris Smith** and **Jean Ducharme**, young players are learning the ins and outs of baseball while developing their throwing, catching, batting and fielding skills. A big thank you to both coaches for sharing their time and enthusiasm!

Learn to Skate

Back at the rink, our Learn to Skate programs are off to a great start. Preschool skaters, ages three to four, are learning to stand, march and glide, while skaters ages five and older continue developing their skills. Our Introduction to Figure Skating program is also underway, and we're already looking forward to planning our end-of-year skating show!

Hockey

It's been an especially busy month for MW-Hampstead (MWH) hockey! At the end of September, more than 25 participants attended our MWH hockey referee clinic at the sports and recreation centre. It was wonderful to see our veteran referees connecting with the next generation during the three-hour classroom and on-ice training session. A big thank you to our referee-in-chief, **Jordan Respitz**, for organizing such a successful clinic! We look forward to seeing our young officials on the ice wearing their stripes with pride!

Congratulations to the more than 33 MWH players who earned spots on double-letter teams this season! With approximately 100 players in our M7 and M9 development programs, the future of MWH Hockey is looking bright! Our single-letter teams begin league play on October 17, and we're looking forward to celebrating our home opener on October 25.

The girls' hockey program is also off to a fantastic start. Now in its second year, the partnership between Westmount, Côte Saint-Luc, MoWest and Hampstead continues to grow, with five teams competing from M12A through M18A. We're also excited to introduce the program's new name: the Westluc Wolves! More exciting news to come.

As the fall season gets underway, a huge thank you to our coaches, instructors, volunteers and families who make these programs possible. Whether it's a first goal, a new skating skill or a perfectly executed somersault, it's wonderful to see our young athletes learning, growing and having fun.

For information about our programs and upcoming winter registration, visit mwcrasports.ca or register on Amilia.



Terry Fox Run

The Edinburgh community raised over $10,000 this year for cancer research at the school's annual Terry Fox Run. Students and teachers ran or walked laps around the school as parents and grandparents cheered them on. Bravo to all for taking part!

from Kate Shingler



Le rôle crucial dans notre démocratie

Depuis le début de l'année scolaire, les élèves de 5e et 6e année ont eu l'occasion de participer à un projet portant sur le rôle crucial que les citoyens jouent dans notre démocratie.

Les élèves ont découvert ce qu'est la démocratie et de quoi s'occupent les différents paliers de gouvernement : « J'ai appris qu'il y a plus d'un gouvernement au Québec et au Canada. Je pensais qu'il y avait seulement un grand gouvernement », a dit une élève.

Ensuite, les élèves se sont concentrés sur les élections provinciales. À l'aide d'une courte recherche, les élèves ont appris comment s'informer sur les propositions des différents partis. Un élève a affirmé : « J'ai beaucoup aimé discuter avec mes amis des idées des différents partis. »

Avant de conclure l'activité par le vote, guidées par leur enseignant, les classes de 6e année ont répondu à plusieurs des questions de l'outil de la boussole électorale offert par *Radio-Canada* pour déterminer quel parti reflète le mieux leurs valeurs. Plusieurs élèves ont même affirmé que c'était leur partie préférée.



Edinburgh Grade 6 student Jacob Karawani votes in a mock election

Le 1er octobre, le grand jour est arrivé : la simulation de vote organisée par Élections Québec. Chaque élève a découvert ce qu'était l'expérience de voter: « J'ai beaucoup aimé voter car je n'avais jamais fait ça et je me suis senti comme un adulte! » a témoigné un élève.

Ce fut une expérience enrichissante qui a présenté la majorité des élèves à notre système électoral pour la première fois.

de Jean-Michel Brunet
Enseignant de 6e année

Aria Calla named EMSB Student of the Month



Aria Callas Student of the Month EMSB: Principal Laetitia Kachmar, Rafael Calla (father), Alissa Marchei (mother) with Aria Calla

Aria Calla, a grade 5 student at Edinburgh, was named EMSB Student of the Month in recognition of her remarkable strength, resilience and positivity in the face of an incredibly challenging health journey.

Aria is currently facing a brain aneurysm and has undergone extensive treatments and brain surgeries at the *Neuro*. During the second half of the last school year, she was unable to attend school and required the support of a tutor to continue her education while undergoing treatment. Although Aria has returned to Edinburgh this year, she continues to receive treatment.

Despite these challenges, Aria continues to approach each day with an incredible smile and a positive spirit. She has maintained excellent academic marks and remains an active and engaged member of the school community. She also has her own YouTube channel that has become popular among students and staff who enjoy following her creativity and work.

Aria was chosen as EMSB Student of the Month because of her extraordinary courage, determination and ability to remain positive while facing such difficult circumstances. Her commitment to her education, her enthusiasm for life and the inspiration she brings to those around her demonstrate a level of resilience well beyond her years. Aria is a wonderful example of perseverance and strength, reminding us of the power of a positive attitude and the importance of never giving up.

from Laetitia Kachmar
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Curzon Creative Preschool

Growing generations:
the legacy of *Curzon*

For more than six decades, *Curzon Creative Preschool* has been a cherished part of the MoWest community. Founded in 1959, this parent-run cooperative offers a warm, bilingual program for children ages 2 to 5, with small class sizes, dedicated teachers and a hands-on approach to early learning.

At *Curzon*, children learn through play, exploration and discovery. Small class sizes allow teachers to get to know each child individually and create meaningful learning experiences that follow their interests and developmental needs. The result is an environment where children can build confidence, independence and social skills while having fun.

Bilingual environment

The program is rich and varied, offering far more than a traditional preschool classroom. Children take part in gym, art, science, music, library activities, swimming and outdoor play, which gives them opportunities to explore different interests and develop a broad range of skills. The bilingual environment provides natural exposure to both English and French throughout the preschool experience.

Behind the program is a team of dedicated and experienced educators, some of whom have been part of the *Curzon* community for decades. Teacher **Nathalie Maheux**, a former *Curzon* parent, is now in her 24th year at the school. "No two days are ever the same," she says. "I truly consider it a privilege to be part of this school."

Cooperative model

The cooperative model creates a strong partnership between teachers and families. Current parent and Chair **Alexa Marsden**, whose third child has just begun his first year at *Curzon*, says, "After five years and all three of my children coming here, it really feels like a second family."

Ultimately, *Curzon*'s goal is to give children the foundation they need for a successful transition to school: developing confidence, independence, curiosity and the ability to learn and collaborate with others.

After more than six decades, *Curzon* remains a small school with a big community spirit, helping children build the skills and confidence to take their next steps.

Come discover *Curzon Creative Preschool* and see what makes our community so special! Applications are now being accepted. Contact our registrar today by email at registrar@curzonpreschool.com or visit curzonpreschool.com to learn more and arrange a visit.

from Tanya Bednarczyk



The Informer is starting a regular column for preschool education, alternating between non-profit daycares in MoWest. If you operate a non-profit daycare in our town, please contact us to get into the rotation: montrealwestinformer@gmail.com.

Elizabeth Ballantyne School

Terry Fox Run

Our students had a fantastic time participating in this year's Terry Fox Run! It was wonderful to see everyone come together, show their school spirit and support an important cause. Students walked, ran and cheered each other on, demonstrating determination and teamwork along the way. To celebrate the event, students also enjoyed delicious apples, generously supplied by *IGA Lipari*, which were a big hit!

Thank you to our staff members, students, families and community partners for helping to make this event such a success, as we continue to honour Terry Fox's incredible legacy.

Buddies at EBS

The kindergarten and grade 4 students have "buddied up" for the school year. They meet regularly to participate in activities, crafts and other collaborative experiences. These are important opportunities because they allow the students to build meaningful friendships, develop mentoring skills and foster a strong sense of community within the school.

This program benefits both age groups by encouraging leadership, cooperation and positive social interactions. All the students look forward to spending time with their "buddies".

from Kate Marien



EBS buddies

Montreal West Scouts

Great Rural Race

On September 26, Scouts from across the region descended on the town of Huntingdon for The Great Rural Race – an exciting, amazing race-style scavenger hunt that put teamwork, problem-solving skills and sense of adventure to the test!

Teams of Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers raced around the town, deciphering clues and completing challenges as they discovered different corners of Huntingdon. From figuring out tricky questions to learning about the history of the town and its people, the day was filled with excitement, laughter and plenty of friendly competition.

MoWest Venturers Ari and Theo won first place for their section in the Great Rural Race. Congratulation!



Everyone had a fantastic time exploring the town and tackling the challenges – but there was an extra reason to celebrate at the end… our Venturers team came in first place!

Congratulations to all our adventurers for a fantastic day of teamwork and fun. And huge congratulations to our Venturers for taking home the top spot!

from Scouter Spider (Simon Webb)

Beavers

Our Beaver Colony has expanded as we welcomed many new "Kits" (Baby Beavers) to our program. We spent the beginning of the year learning our Motto, Promise and Law, culminating in our Investiture Ceremony on October 15.

Our "Kits" are now "Eager Beavers," keen to keep learning, sharing and playing with their friends. A large part of our program is built around community service. We clean up our schoolyards, pick up garbage along the trails that we hike, collect food for *Head & Hands* and our adults help *Héma-Québec* by running a blood donor clinic. Many thanks to St. Philip's Church and everyone who donated a pint, gave of their time to volunteer and gave generously to our food drive.

Our next outing will be the Remembrance Day Parade on Sunday, November 8. Please come join us in the parade or at the Cenotaph. For information about Beavers, contact *Karen Johnstone* at karenmansfield-johnstone@gmail.com

from Scouter Rainbow (Karen Johnstone)



Scouts attend the Great Rural Race in Huntingdon

Venturers/Rovers

In September, we kicked off our new year of Venturers and Rovers hosting a sports night with youth from Huntingdon and Ormstown; a great success with 18 youth in attendance. One of the visiting youth said, "It was a really fun night and I don't want it to end." Our group had a planning meeting to discuss the program; great conversations and ideas from the youth.

In October, we joined the new Greenfield Park Venturer Company for a BBQ/cookout at Parc du Havre in St. Lambert on the St. Lawrence River. What a great location; the bridge was lit up for the Habs' home opener!

We also have a couple of camps on the agenda for October: one in Elgin, QC at Dunn Memorial, the "Powerscourt Camporee" and the other in Fundy National Park, Alma, NB – a competitive camp called "Star Trek". We will share photos and news from both next month.

Our community service got going in October with our annual Food Drive supporting *Head & Hands* in NDG, youth helping youth and helping the *Rotary Club* with their Oyster Party. These service hours go towards the King's Venturer Award that our youth are working on.

If you are 15+, enjoy spending time outdoors, camping, trying new activities and meeting new people, join our Venturer Company, 18+ for the Rover Crew, contact **Rusty** at jonwiersma1968@gmail.com

from Scouter Rusty (Jon Wiersma)

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Camp Peaceful Waters' centennial

Camp Peaceful Waters' centennial has been celebrated for over a year now. It started out with units being able to work toward the Centennial Challenge crest. It didn't matter if you were able to get up to the camp or not: if you followed the guidelines, you could earn the crest.

The Montreal West units started working on it last November. The biggest challenge was to sing 100 different campfire songs. Leading up to the celebration weekend, which took place in October, we were up to 90 different songs. At the weekend itself, a lot of the older, familiar songs were sung, and this helped the unit reach its goal! (The MoWest Guides reached this goal by their last meeting in June.) The summer saw a special centennial crest for those campers who participated in the camp. Another special crest was designed for the Pathfinder- and Ranger-aged campers who were able to participate in the Voilà Québec interprovincial camp. A final crest was designed for the celebration weekend. The nice thing about the crests, they can all stand on their own be or made into a set. So, if you are missing one, the set does not look incomplete.

The celebration weekend was a huge success and the weather was perfect! Saturday, October 3, the alumnae celebration day, included alumnae who had travelled from England and from almost all of the provinces. There were women who had just turned 18 to some in their 90s! It was wonderful to see adults reconnecting after decades.

One participant, who came from Ontario, had been a member of Montreal's South Shore unit and worked as a councillor at the camp in the 1990s. She met with her former Guider, who now lives in BC! The Guider brought photo albums from her Guiding days. When talking with other people at the camp, she reconnected with a Guider from Montreal with whom she had been best friends in the unit. The Ontario woman also met youth members she had worked with 20 years ago. This was not an unusual scenario of what happened all day. It was wonderful to be a part of!



Photo: Christine Downey

Alumni Day: these young people had just finished the timeline game

October 4 was the celebration day for current youth members. There were roughly 400 youth in attendance, including a patrol from the Quebec City region. The flow for the weekend was very similar for both days. The 12 different sites had multiple activities: a reflective activity, active activity and many sites with a service project. The participants visited the various sites at their own pace, making new memories as they went along the way.

And at home...

The Guides have had a busy start to the year. Here's what they have to share about it:

À la première rencontre de l'année nous avons joué des jeux pour mieux connaître les autres Guides dans le groupe. Mon jeu préféré était Chuck the Chicken. J'ai beaucoup aimé ce jeu parce qu'on n'arrêtait pas de courir pour attraper le poulet en caoutchouc.

La semaine d'après, nous sommes allées visiter quelques parcs autour de Montréal-Ouest pour les comparer selon des grilles d'évaluation que nous avons inventées. On a aussi appris à faire des nœuds comme le nœud d'écoute (sheet bend) et le nœud de cabestan (clove hitch). J'ai aimé aller au parc et jouer.

Nous avons aussi eu la chance de découvrir les différents types de tissu que l'on peut porter pendant les activités de plein air et comment porter plusieurs couches ensembles. Le plus amusant c'était quand on a trempé nos mains dans de l'eau en portant plusieurs pochettes faits de matériaux différents.

de Bali et Lilou

Guides exploring the local parks



Photo: Catherine Barnes

The *Game of Life* is a lot of fun because we invite our friends to try out a Guide meeting. In the Guiding version of the game, we start with $500 per team and a hula hoop that acts as our house where we roll a pair of dice to find out what to do next. Depending on the number, you could get a chance card, a challenge to complete, or advance through the stages of life (school, career, homeownership, retirement). It's really fun when everyone is running around from place to place. At the end of the game, we drew a portrait of our family and talked about how to decide who wins at life.

from Elle and Shaynna

On October 4, Guides of all ages from across Quebec, including **Minnie** and **Alice** from the 110th Montreal Guide Unit, gathered at Camp Peaceful Waters.

We started the day by hiking along a beautiful small path by Lac Bouchette to reach the central campfire site, named in memory of **Jean Youngson**, where we roasted marshmallows. Then we went up to Loon site where we cooked our food over a fire. It was nice and warm when we ate it. After that, we went to Squirrel site where we learned about wood burning and got to create our own design on a little wooden circle. To finish off the day, we gathered back at the campfire with all 400 participants to sing songs together before taking the bus home. It was so much fun!

from Alice and Minnie

Girl Guide cookies

The MoWest units have been busy selling mint Girl Guide cookies. We cannot thank residents enough for their support! Every box of cookies purchased helps support the girls exploring new adventures and making lasting memories.

from Montreal West Guiders

Guides demonstrating camping skills



Photo: Catherine Barnes

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Un peu moins de ménage à l'automne, un peu plus d'habitats pour la faune

À l'approche de l'hiver, rappelons-nous qu'un grand ménage automnal ne signifie pas nécessairement qu'il faut ramasser toutes les feuilles et tailler toutes les plantes. En laisser une partie sur place peut contribuer à soutenir la faune qui partage notre voisinage.

Les feuilles mortes offrent un abri aux insectes et à d'autres petites créatures, tandis que les graines et les tiges de certaines plantes fournissent de la nourriture aux oiseaux et un refuge aux insectes qui passent l'hiver au jardin. On peut donc laisser une partie des feuilles dans les plates-bandes et attendre au printemps avant de couper les vivaces.

Les souffleuses

À Montréal-Ouest, les souffleuses à feuilles électriques sont autorisées du 1er au 30 novembre, mais il vaut la peine de se demander si on en a vraiment besoin. Elles soulèvent de la poussière, des particules fines et des allergènes qui peuvent nuire à la qualité de l'air.

En ratissant et en taillant un peu moins à l'automne, nous permettons à nos jardins de continuer à offrir nourriture et abri pendant les mois froids, aidant ainsi la faune locale à traverser l'hiver et à s'épanouir au printemps.

de Martha Slocombe
Comité de transition écologique
et de l'environnement

A little less fall cleanup, a little more habitat

As we prepare our gardens for winter, it's worth remembering that a fall cleanup doesn't have to mean removing every leaf and cutting back every plant. Leaving leaves, seed heads and stems in place can help support local wildlife.

Fallen leaves provide shelter for insects and other small creatures, while the seed heads and stems of some plants offer food for birds and shelter for overwintering insects. Consider leaving some leaves in garden beds and waiting until spring to cut back your perennial plants.

Leaf blowers

Electric leaf blowers are permitted in Montreal West from November 1 to 30, but it's worth considering whether you need one at all. Leaf blowers stir up dust, fine particulate matter and allergens, which can affect air quality.

With less fall raking and trimming, our gardens can continue to provide shelter and food through the colder months, giving local wildlife a better start when spring arrives.

from Martha Slocombe
Ecological transition
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Halloween celebration

True to our tradition, we will host a Halloween celebration at the library. It will take place on **Saturday, October 31, 11 am–noon**. It is a happy coincidence to have the celebration exactly on Halloween, and a perfect opportunity to create the mood for trick-or-treating later in the day. As usual, our event starts with a few spooky stories, followed by the decoration of pumpkins provided by the library. Children are welcome to put on their Halloween costumes and make the party even more festive and colourful. If your child has not yet decided what costume to wear, don't forget we have an amazing loan collection of more than 100 costumes – characters, professions, animals and superheroes.

Lunch with the Library - ART etc.

For over five years, our Lunch with the Library has attracted a large number of library supporters. It is a well-anticipated annual fundraising initiative. Organized by the dedicated members of the Board of Directors, it has become an unavoidable event at this time of year. On Sunday, November 22, from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm, we will serve delicious dishes from local restaurants, on the ground floor of Town Hall, during the *ART etc.* craft fair. In addition to lunch, children will enjoy a craft table and a toy corner, a drawing contest with an award to win, door prizes and a raffle for big prizes. The exquisite ambiance will set the mood for the coming holidays. We are excited to be preparing for this important fundraising event and we hope to see many of you there.

Come and show your support for the Children's Library!

Cross-stitch embroidery course

When implementing a library program, we aim for educational and entertaining elements. For the first time, we will be introducing our young visitors to embroidery techniques. The cross-stitch models are easy to master and allow for beautiful projects to be completed.

The course will take place over four meetings, but it is also possible for your child to attend individual meetings on Saturdays, November 7, 14, 28 and December 5, 11 am to noon. Participants can work on their project and finish it during the course.

BiblioQualité 2026

Lancée en 2022 par *l'Association des bibliothèques publiques de Québec*, l'étude BiblioQualité recense des statistiques de quelque 1042 bibliothèques publiques québécoises, pour publier des rapports comparatifs. Les deux bibliothèques de notre ville (la Bibliothèque publique de Montréal-Ouest et la Bibliothèque des jeunes de Montréal-Ouest) ont obtenu, pour l'ensemble des données fournies, le score de 93% pour 2026 – basé sur des données de 2025 – et se voit décerner le ruban 5 – la distinction la plus élevée. Les indicateurs comparatifs sont : heures d'ouverture, superficie, places assises, ressources humaines et dépenses d'acquisition. Vous pouvez consulter le rapport détaillé en visitant l'une des deux bibliothèques.



Elisabeth Helfield and Lorenzo Buma tasting the tacos they made in cooking class

IODE

IODE 2027 grant program

Call for applications: one grant of $40,000 available.

In 2000, *IODE* Canada's 100th anniversary gift to Canada was an ongoing grant program open to an individual or group specializing in developing and implementing ways to prevent child abuse and neglect. This grant supports programs designed to prevent, treat and alleviate abuse and neglect among children and youth.

The grant will support programs that develop innovative ideas, test new approaches or replicate, adapt and scale existing evidence-based models that address social issues affecting children and youth (ages 0-25).

The deadline for all submissions is November 30.

Please contact **Carole Yorke**, Chair, *IODE* 100th anniversary Grant Program at IODEinfo@bellnet.ca for information.

IODE's connection with the military

November 11 is always a very special time for *IODE*. Here is some background on why we are privileged to have such a historical connection with the military and honour their foundational contribution to Canada. During wartime, the *IODE* provided vital support to the Armed Forces. During the South African War, it worked to locate and mark the graves of fallen Canadians. Throughout the First World War, the *IODE* made outsized contributions of war material, beginning with a battleship. Members visited soldiers' wives and families at their homes. When the Second World War broke out, *IODE* members raised funds, knitted garments, supplied books and donated a bomber.

As you walk near the MW Cenotaph, look down and you will see the plaque; then look up and see the Vimy Oak. It is particularly timely given the month of remembrance.

Join us!

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from Diane Ellison

Montreal West Public Library

November at the library: a place to gather, read and relax

November can be such a dark and gloomy month, but there's always something happening at the library! Whether you're stopping in for a chat, joining us to knit, or simply catching up with a good book, we want to make sure you always have a welcoming place to come, sit and relax. With that in mind, November also marks the start of our annual fundraising drive. Every autumn, we invite our community to fall in love with the library all over again. This year, we're asking for your help to keep our library flexible and make the most of every square foot.

In January, our beautiful, cozy library celebrated five wonderful years in its new home. Over these years, we've made the most of our small space with furniture designed to be flexible. Movable shelves create room for group events, our modular table is in constant use and, our reading corners are rarely without a reader!

We're not quite finished yet, though. Four additional movable shelving units remain on our wish list, along with other improvements we hope to make in the years ahead. Your donation will help us purchase the next set of movable shelves, continue offering engaging programs and keep our collection fresh and full of great reads. Our goal this year is to raise $10,000. Every gift, large or small, helps us move forward toward our vision of a library that grows with our community. To donate, please go to: canadahelps.org/en/charities/bibliotheque-publique-de-montreal-ouest-montreal-west-public/ or use the QR code in the article.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our donors, past, present and future. Your generosity helps keep our little library a lively, welcoming place for everyone in the community.

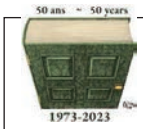
Tea and Books

This November, we're delighted to welcome two local poets to the library for a special afternoon of poetry.

On Wednesday, November 18, at 2 pm, we'll welcome **Elizabeth Paulette-Coughlin** and **Jennifer Boire** for a reading from their book, *Words of Summer: A tanka-like conversation*. A tanka is a traditional Japanese lyric poem made up of five unrhymed lines, with a total of 31 syllables. In *Words of Summer*, Elizabeth and Jennifer engage in a poetic conversation, writing to each other every day from mid-June until late August in a single year and capturing the unfolding of the season along the way.

Tanka has been practised for more than a thousand years as both an art form and a means of communication. Often associated with women poets, these poems use images from nature and references to the seasons to express feelings in subtle and beautiful ways.

We hope you'll join us for this lovely opportunity to enjoy poetry, meet two local writers, and share an afternoon of words and conversation at the library. As always, there's a place for you at the table!



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Knit and Natter

And, of course, if poetry isn't quite your thing, there's always time for a little yarn and a good chat! Our Knit and Natter drop-ins continue every Thursday and Saturday, offering a chance to bring along your knitting, enjoy some friendly conversation and spend a little time in good company. Whether you're an experienced knitter or just starting out, you're always welcome to pull up a chair.

After all, there's nothing like a little stitching and chatting to brighten a November day!

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Réunion du Conseil : septembre

par Joanna Duy
traduction par René Boucher

Emplacements des stations BIXI

Un résident de Radcliffe a été « stupéfait » d'apprendre qu'une station BIXI serait installée au parc Rugby et a lancé une pétition qui a recueilli 51 signatures et a été déposée auprès du Conseil. Le **conseiller Bergeron** a répondu que le Conseil avait pris note de la pétition et qu'il lui répondrait.

Au cours de la deuxième période de questions, un citoyen a demandé pourquoi Ainslie avait été choisie pour un poste BIXI, étant donné qu'il s'agit d'une rue très passante. Le **maire Cha** a répondu que des responsables de BIXI et de la Ville ont examiné de nombreux endroits dans la ville et analysé plusieurs facteurs (y compris l'exigence d'alimentation électrique) et ont conclu qu'Ainslie était un bon emplacement.

Caméras vidéo et construction d'une pergola

Un citoyen qui vit sur Ainslie a fait part de ses préoccupations concernant la protection de la vie privée en ce qui concerne les caméras installées à proximité des entrées des habitations et voulait savoir si le Conseil envisagerait de réglementer l'installation de ces caméras ou de les interdire complètement. Le maire Cha a répondu que le Conseil ferait un suivi auprès de lui après avoir recueilli plus d'information.

Sa deuxième question portait sur une structure temporaire (une pergola) qu'il a récemment tenté de construire, mais a abandonné après avoir reçu une contravention. Ses demandes au CCU ont été rejetées, mais il ne connaît pas bien les prochaines étapes. Le maire Cha a invité le résident à lui transmettre un courriel à ce sujet ainsi qu'à la **conseillère Slocombe**.

Misères d'éclairage

Un résident de Fairfield a posé une question sur l'éclairage intense de la nouvelle piscine, qui brille directement à travers de ses fenêtres la nuit. À son avis, il s'agit d'une infraction au règlement municipal sur les nuisances et il a demandé ce que la Ville ferait pour corriger la situation. Le conseiller Bergeron a fait remarquer que les lumières sont là pour des raisons de sécurité et qu'elles fonctionnent généralement en été jusqu'à 22 h. Pour le moment, la Ville ne peut rien faire, mais il a convenu que, lorsque les lumières seront de nouveau allumées, quelqu'un de la Ville pourrait aller constater le problème. Un citoyen de Bedbrook a posé des questions sur l'éclairage du stationnement du Centre sportif et récréatif qui a connu des ratés. Il se demandait si, en plus des problèmes de réfrigération qui affligent la patinoire et ceux liés au fossé de drainage, la Ville pouvait être indemnisée. Le conseiller Bergeron a fait remarquer que les nouveaux bâtiments présentent souvent des défectuosités après l'ouverture et il a indiqué que deux ampoules pour le stationnement sont en attente de remplacement et que les lumières seront ajustées en fonction du moment. Un troisième résident a posé une question sur un problème de longue date avec les lampadaires sur Strathearn entre Milner et Curzon qui brillent dans leurs cours. Le conseiller Tassé a fait remarquer que c'était la première fois qu'il en entendait parler, qu'il devra faire des recherches à ce sujet et fera un suivi auprès du résident.

Westminster Sud : plus de construction?

Une résidente a exprimé sa frustration à l'égard des longues années de travaux de construction liés à la démolition de la bibliothèque, puis à l'édification des condos Easton et s'est dite préoccupée par la poursuite des travaux. Le conseiller Bergeron a répondu que ce qu'elle voit pourrait être relié au chantier sur Westminster en lien avec le passage à niveau.

Questions concernant Brock Nord

Un résident a demandé pourquoi les bollards n'avaient pas été installés cet été sur Brock Nord. Le conseiller Bergeron a répondu que les vieilles bornes devant être remplacées, elles avaient été commandées et seront installées sous peu. Quant à savoir quand Brock Nord sera repavée, le **conseiller Tassé** a indiqué qu'il n'y a pas d'échéancier actuel pour ce travail. Le Conseil reconnaît qu'il s'agit d'une préoccupation et en tiendra compte lorsqu'il établira les priorités en matière d'infrastructures. Un troisième résident se demandait pourquoi le





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passage piéton à Sherbrooke et Brock n'avait toujours pas été peint. Le conseiller Bergeron a répondu que la Ville espérait que Montréal remédierait à la situation en 2026, mais qu'étant donné que ce n'est pas le cas, la Ville fera le travail en 2027 lors du marquage des rues.

Courtney et Ronald

Une résidente a posé des questions sur les réparations de l'asphalte et les plans pour l'escalier menant à la promenade Ronald. Le conseiller Tassé a noté que la planification de l'escalier est en cours et qu'il y aura bientôt des nouvelles; il a dit qu'il enquêterait sur la réparation de l'asphalte.

Sécurité sur Westminster

Une résidente de Broughton a demandé pourquoi la décision a été prise de réduire Westminster de quatre à deux voies – elle craint que cela ait des répercussions sur la sécurité compte tenu de la densité de circulation dans le secteur. Le conseiller Bergeron a donné un aperçu du processus qui a mené à ces travaux, y compris l'avis de non-conformité envoyé à la Ville en 2023 concernant le passage à niveau et d'autres événements qui ont mené à l'étude menée par WSP. Ces changements devraient réduire les conflits et améliorer la sécurité et la circulation, en particulier au passage à niveau. Il s'agit d'un projet pilote – des modifications plus permanentes seront mises en place après évaluation de la situation.

Strathearn Nord, sens unique?

Un citoyen a demandé si le Conseil envisagerait de rendre Strathearn Nord à sens unique afin d'aider à réduire la circulation des véhicules qui tentent d'éviter Westminster. Le conseiller Bergeron a dit que cela serait pris en considération; la Ville veut voir l'effet des mesures de reconfiguration de la circulation et décidera ensuite des ajustements à apporter. Il a souligné une fois de plus que les changements sur Westminster constituent un projet pilote et que la Ville prendra des mesures au besoin pour assurer la sécurité des gens.

Cyclistes sur les trottoirs et à contresens

Deux résidents ont exprimé des préoccupations au sujet des cyclistes qui circulent sur les trottoirs. Le conseiller Bergeron a confirmé que rouler à vélo sur les trottoirs contrevient toujours aux règlements municipaux et provinciaux et que des efforts supplémentaires d'éducation seraient possibles. Un résident a fait remarquer que bicyclettes et trottinettes sont observées se déplaçant à contresens dans les rues à sens unique; le conseiller Bergeron a fait remarquer que seul le SPVM peut imposer des amendes pour les vélos et les trottinettes en mouvement et il en parlera lors de sa prochaine rencontre avec le SPVM.

Bravo pour la microforêt, on peut en avoir une autre ?

Un ancien résident a félicité la Ville pour la microforêt qui doit être plantée à l'angle de Ronald et Brock Sud. Un habitant d'Avon a demandé ce qu'il adviendrait de l'espace du Centre communautaire et si on pourrait considérer une partie de l'impasse voisine (Broughton) pour une autre microforêt. La **conseillère Small-Pennefather** a fait remarquer que le Centre communautaire fait l'objet d'un examen des actifs.

Foyers

Un résident a posé une question au sujet du nouveau règlement sur les foyers en vigueur depuis le 1er septembre. La conseillère Small-Pennefather a expliqué qu'il ne s'agit pas d'une interdiction générale des foyers; ceux qui répondent aux normes d'émissions peuvent encore être utilisés (sous réserve de conditions comme l'interdiction d'utilisation en cas d'avertissement de smog); les foyers au gaz ou électriques ne sont pas soumis à ces restrictions.

Blocs de béton devant l'hôtel de ville

Un résident a d'abord remercié la Ville pour la réfection de la promenade Courtney, puis a demandé si l'on envisageait de se débarrasser des huit blocs de béton disgracieux qui retiennent les feux de circulation à l'intersection Westminster et Avon. Le conseiller Tassé a fait remarquer que les feux ont été installés temporairement pendant les travaux de l'échangeur Turcot et qu'ils sont toujours nécessaires. Il a été considéré de rendre l'installation permanente, et lorsque viendra le temps de mener des réflexions plus larges sur ce secteur, cette idée sera explorée.

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Town Council meeting: September

by Joanna Duy

BIXI station locations

A Radcliffe resident was "astounded" to learn that there would be a BIXI station erected in Rugby Park; he started a petition which garnered 51 signatures and was deposited with Council. **Councillor Bergeron** responded that Council has taken note of the petition and would get back to him. During the second question period, a resident asked why Ainslie was chosen for a BIXI station, given that it is such a heavily used street. **Mayor Cha** answered that BIXI and Town officials studied many locations throughout the town and considered several factors (including the requirement for power) and concluded that Ainslie was a good location.

Video cameras and pergola construction

A citizen living on Ainslie expressed privacy concerns regarding cameras installed near entrances of people's houses and wanted to know whether Council would consider setting rules governing such cameras or banning them altogether. Mayor Cha responded that Council would follow up with him after gathering more information. The resident's second question was about a temporary structure (a pergola) that he recently tried to build but stopped after being ticketed. His applications to PAC have been turned down but he is not clear on the next steps. Mayor Cha invited the resident to send an email on the matter to him and **Councillor Slocombe**.

Lighting woes

A Fairfield resident asked a question about the intense lighting at the new pool, which shines directly into his windows at night. In his view this is an infraction of the Town's Nuisance bylaw, and he asked what the Town would do to correct it. Councillor Bergeron noted that the lights are there for security reasons and generally operate in summer until 10 pm. At the moment, there is nothing the Town can do, but he did agree that, when the lights are on again, someone from the Town could go and witness the issue. A citizen of Bedbrook asked about the lighting in the parking lot of the sports and recreation centre, which has been malfunctioning. He wondered whether, in addition to refrigeration problems plaguing the rink, and issues with the drainage ditch, the Town can be compensated. Councillor Bergeron noted that new buildings often have deficiencies after opening and responded that two light bulbs for the parking lot are awaiting replacement and the lights will be adjusted for timing. A third resident asked about a longtime issue with the streetlights on Strathearn between Milner and Curzon that shine into their yards. **Councillor Tassé** noted that this was the first he had heard of it, and he will have to research the matter and follow up with the resident.

Westminster South: more construction?

A resident expressed frustration with the years' long construction work in relation to the library demolition and then the building of the Easton condos and was concerned that construction was still going on. Councillor Bergeron replied that what she is seeing could relate to the work being done on Westminster that is connected to the level crossing.

Brock North issues

A resident asked why the speed bollards on Brock North were not installed this summer. Councillor Bergeron replied that the old bollards needed to be replaced, have been ordered and will be installed soon. In response to a question about when Brock North will be repaved, Councillor Tassé noted that there is no current timeline for that work. Council recognizes it as a concern to be taken into consideration when the list of infrastructure priorities is created. A third resident wondered why the crosswalk at Sherbrooke and Brock still has not been painted. Councillor Bergeron replied that the Town was hoping that Montréal would address this in 2026, but given that they have not, the Town will undertake this work in 2027 as part of its annual street painting projects.

Courtney and Ronald

A resident asked about plans for asphalt repairs and the stairs that go to Ronald Drive. Councillor Tassé noted that the planning for these stairs is in progress, and there will be news soon; he said he would investigate the asphalt repair question.

Westminster safety changes

A Broughton resident asked why the decision has been made to reduce Westminster from four lanes to two. She is concerned about safety repercussions given the heavy traffic in the area. Councillor Bergeron gave an overview of the process leading to this work, including the Notice of Non-Compliance issued to the Town in 2023 regarding issues around the level crossing and other events leading up to the traffic study conducted by *WSP*. These changes are expected to reduce conflict and improve traffic safety and flow, especially in the area of the level crossing. It is a pilot project – more permanent changes will be put in place once the situation has been assessed.

Strathearn North one way?

A resident asked whether Council would consider making Strathearn North one way to help curb through traffic caused by people trying to avoid Westminster. Councillor Bergeron said this would be taken into consideration; the Town wants to see the effect of the traffic reconfiguration measures and will then decide what tweaks to make. He repeated that the Westminster changes are a pilot project and the Town will act if necessary to make sure people are safe.

Cyclists on the sidewalks and going the wrong way

Two residents expressed concern about cyclists riding on sidewalks. Councillor Bergeron confirmed that riding bikes on sidewalks still contravenes the Town's municipal bylaws as well as provincial bylaws, and that perhaps more education of residents could be done. One resident noted that bicycles and scooters are seen riding the wrong way down one-way streets, to which Councillor Bergeron noted only the *SPVM* can give fines for moving bikes or scooters, and he will raise it at his next meeting with the *SPVM*.

Kudos for the microforest, can we have another?

A former resident congratulated the Town on the microforest that is to be planted at the corner of Ronald and Brock South. An Avon resident asked what will happen to the Community Centre, and whether part of the dead-end next to it (Broughton) could be considered for a second one. **Councillor Small-Pennefather** noted that the Community Centre is undergoing an asset review.

Fireplaces

A resident asked a question about the new fireplace bylaw which went into effect on September 1. Councillor Small-Pennefather explained that it is not a blanket ban on fireplaces; fireplaces that meet emissions standards can still be used (subject to conditions, such as use prohibited if there is a smog warning); gas and electric fireplaces are not subject to these restrictions.

Concrete blocks in front of Town Hall

A resident first thanked the Town for redoing Courtney Drive and then asked whether the Town would consider getting rid of the eight unsightly concrete blocks that are holding up the traffic lights at Westminster and Avon. Councillor Tassé noted that the lights were installed temporarily during the Turcot interchange work and are still needed at the intersection. Consideration has been given to a more permanent installation, and when the time comes for broader reflections on changes to this area, this will be considered.

St. Philip's

Wishing you could get your Christmas shopping off to an early start this year? Looking for a place to enjoy a hearty, homemade lunch or nibble on delicious pastries while meeting up with neighbours and friends? Then St. Philip's annual Christmas bazaar is the place for you!

This year's event will take place Saturday, November 14 from 10 am to 2 pm in our parish hall and will feature an amazing array of scrumptious baked goods, as well as delicious fudge, candy, jams, jellies, preserves and the ever-popular soup and sandwich lunch. A huge selection of gently used books, DVDs, CDs, records, puzzles and games will be available for enthusiasts of all ages. Precious hand-made knitted items, jewellery, household items, china, crystal and various attic treasures will also be on hand. And don't forget to buy a ticket for a chance to win a fabulous gourmet raffle prize. Come and join us!

Advent season

The Advent season begins on November 29 during which St. Philip's is supporting the *Mile End Community Mission*. The understanding, advocacy and fellowship provided by the Mission enables its members to feel cared for, supported and part of a safe and engaged community of "people helping people." St. Philip's will be making a cash contribution so that the Mission can provide a Christmas party for the many children they serve.

Worship at St. Philip's is every Sunday at 10 am, with children's activities available.

from Mark Reimer

MW United Church

…the brick one

November always seems to arrive before we are quite ready for it. The days are getting shorter, and soon the Christmas decorations will start to appear, and before we know it, Advent. There will be plenty of opportunities to catch up with friends, welcome new faces, enjoy some good food and take a little time for reflection along the way. And yes, Advent really is early this year! It will be here before November is even over, so we'll be getting into the Christmas spirit a little sooner than usual.

Here's what's happening around MWUC this month.

Annual Christmas bazaar

Saturday, November 7, 10 am-2:30 pm

Our Annual Christmas bazaar is back, and there will be something for everyone!

Bring the little ones to our Children's Space, grab a quick bite on the go at the Cantine, browse a wonderful selection of handcrafted items, and take a break in our welcoming lunchroom, serving homemade soups and dessert. And don't forget the ever-popular *Muir Bakery* and homemade goodies, along with our silent auction and new-to-you table – always worth a look!

Donations for the new-to-you table and silent auction are gratefully accepted no later than November 3. Please contact the church office if you have something to donate: **482-3210**. No clothing, please.

Come for the shopping, stay for the soup and enjoy a great community day!

Memorial Communion

Sunday, November 1

During this special service, we remember those who have died during the past year and who are known to members of our congregation. As each name is read, a candle is lit in their honour – a reminder that while someone may no longer be with us, the light of their life continues to shine and guide us forward.

Remembrance Sunday

November 8

We gather to remember and reflect on those who have served, sacrificed and given of themselves for the sake of others.

Labyrinth Walk

Sunday, November 22, 2-4 pm

Take some time to slow down and enjoy a little quiet in the middle of a busy month. Our Labyrinth Walk is free and open to everyone. Please bring socks or slippers for walking.

For more information, contact the church office **482-3210**.

Every Week at MWUC

- Crafts & Laughs, Tuesdays, 10 am-noon.
- Bible study, Wednesdays, 1-2 pm.
- Quiet Centre: Meditation & Yoga Wednesdays, 7-8 pm

Advent is coming early!

It hardly seems possible, but Advent arrives before November is even over!

First Advent Sunday, November 29, 10 am. We'll begin our Advent journey together by lighting the first candle of the season. Then, at 3 pm, come back and join us for one of our favourite traditions:

Carol sing-along, Advent tea and tree lighting

Sunday, November 29, 3 pm

Come and sing along to some favourite Christmas carols, enjoy our Advent tea, and help us light the Christmas tree. It's always a lovely afternoon and a great way to start the Christmas season together.

Looking ahead…

We'll continue our Advent celebrations in December with some of our favourite services:

Choral Sunday, December 13: Come enjoy the beautiful music of our amazing choir as we continue our Advent journey.

Christmas pageant – Sunday, December 20. Our Sunday school will lead us in this much-loved Christmas service.

If you have a little one who might like to participate in the pageant, please contact **Merrie** at mwucsundayschool@gmail.com.

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Samedi 7 novembre, à 11h
Rendez-vous : centre sportif et récréatif

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Cérémonie du Souvenir

Dimanche 8 novembre

Rejoignez-nous pour notre cérémonie annuelle du Souvenir. La procession débutera au coin des rues Curzon et Westminster.

- 12h15 : procession au départ du coin de Curzon et Westminster Nord.
- 12h30 : cérémonie au Cénotaphe

Visite libre des maisons des anciens combattants de la ville

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- Vendredi 13 novembre, 19h : Soirée Taylor Swift

Séance d'essai gratuite d'escrime

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- Dimanche 15 novembre
- Les séances commencent aux 30 minutes, de 14h-16h.

Train des fêtes du CP

Jeudi 19 novembre 19h-19h30
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- Artistes invités : *Magic!* et *MARIS*

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- Vendredi 20 novembre, de 17h à 21h
- Vendredi 18 décembre, de 17h à 21h
- Lieu : Centre sportif et récréatif

Musique avec Shawny

Rejoignez **Shawny**, animateur local, pour des séances musicales! Inscrivez-vous.

- Samedi 21 novembre, au chalet Davies
- De 0 à 2 ans : 9h
- De 3 à 5 ans : 9h45
- Samedi 12 décembre, dans la salle de musique de l'Hôtel de Ville
- De 0 à 2 ans : 9h
- De 3 à 5 ans : 9h45

Déjeuner avec le père Noël

Le temps des fêtes approche à grands pas! La visite du père Noël aura lieu le dimanche 13 décembre. Rejoignez-nous au centre sportif et récréatif et choisissiez une heure entre 9h et midi pour participer à des ateliers créatifs, musique de **Shawny** et prendre une photo avec le père Noël.

- Horaires des réservations : 9h / 10h / 11h et midi
- Coût : 2 ans et moins : GRATUIT, de 3 à 12 ans; 15 $ pour les résidents / 18 $ pour les non-résidents; 13 ans et plus: 20 $ pour les résidents / 25 $ pour les non-résidents
- Lieu : centre sportif et récréatif

Activités libres

Venez profiter d'une variété d'activités libres proposées tous les jours au centre sportif et récréatif ! Parmi ces activités, vous trouverez :

- Activités libres sur glace : ringuette, hockey, patinage artistique, patinage libre
- Activités de gymnase libres : pickleball, badminton, volleyball, basketball, gymnase libre 60 ans et plus
- Gymnase bébé

Horaire de patinage libre :

- Samedi : 18-19h30
- Dimanche : de 13h30-15h
- Lundi, mercredi, vendredi : de 10h-12h
- Mardi : de 13h30-15h

Horaire de patinage artistique libre

- Lundi, mercredi, jeudi, vendredi : de 13h30-15h

Les horaires de la patinoire sont susceptibles d'être modifiés; veuillez consulter le site web de la Ville pour obtenir les informations les plus récentes.

Journées pédagogiques

Vous cherchez quelque chose à faire pendant une journée pédagogique ? Venez au centre sportif et récréatif pour profiter des activités de gymnase et de patinage libre pendant la journée! Consultez notre site web, dans les sections « Patinoire Steve et Rob Michelin » et « Gymnase », pour plus d'informations et pour connaître le programme complet.

Club des 60+

NOUVEAU Gymnase libre 60+

Une occasion pour les adultes de rester actifs à leur propre rythme. Marchez, faites du jogging, sautez à la corde, étirez-vous ou déplacez-vous librement dans le gymnase. Aucun filet de sport disponible pendant cette plage horaire. Les mercredis, 15h-16h.

Bridge et jeux de cartes

- Coût : 5 $ par joueur
- Mardi 24 novembre, 13 h
- Mardi 15 décembre, 13 h
- Centre sportif et récréatif

Dìa de los Muertos

Lundi 2 novembre, 12h
Centre sportif et récréatif

Rejoignez-nous pour un dîner afin de célébrer le Jour des Morts avec **Brenda**, notre professeure d'espagnol! Apportez une photo encadrée d'un proche et un objet qui le représente. Coût: 25 $ pour les membres, 35 $ pour les non-membres.

Groupe de marche active

Inscrivez-vous sur Amilia ou appelez le centre sportif et récréatif. Coût : gratuit.
Visite de l'Oratoire Saint-Joseph
- Mardi 3 novembre, 9h30
- Point de rendez-vous : Terminus Elmhurst, arrêt d'autobus #51

Clinique soins des pieds

Mercredi 4 novembre
Mercredi 2 décembre

- Frais de consultation : 50 $ pour la première consultation et 40 $ pour les consultations suivantes.
- Sur rendez-vous uniquement : **484-6186**.

Conférence gratuite: Commémoration de l'Holocauste

Mercredi 25 novembre, 13h
Salle polyvalente B, Centre sportif et récréatif

Joey Schreter nous fait découvrir les histoires remarquables de ses parents, **Irving Schreter** et **Paula « Bobbie » Schreter**, tous deux survivants de l'Holocauste, dont les parcours de survie très différents ont fini par ne former qu'une seule et même histoire familiale.

Souper de Noël

Mercredi 25 novembre
Centre sportif et récréatif

Venez profiter d'une soirée pleine de bonne nourriture, de divertissements excitants et bien plus encore! Au menu : un repas de dinde avec tous ses accompagnements et une performance de l'*Harmonie de Lachine*.



- Vendredi 11 décembre, 18h
- Coût : membres : 50 $, non-membres 60 $

Pour plus d'informations, appelez le centre sportif et récréatif au **484-6186**, par courriel au loisirs@montreal-ouest.ca ou inscrivez-vous via Amilia.



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- Balance & Fall Prevention
- Injury Prevention
- Cancer Rehabilitation

Kosher corner



First Friday Shabbat

First Friday Shabbat is postponed to Friday, November 13 at 6:30 pm. We look forward to welcoming everyone for another wonderful evening together.

New course beginning for women: Next Genesis

Next Genesis is a new seven-part course where the early narratives of Genesis emerge not as distant beginnings but as a living reflection of the human soul. Through stories of longing and choice, fracture and renewal, discover a more intimate understanding of yourself, your purpose and the path unfolding before you. With brilliance, warmth and practical wisdom, this course gently reveals the deeper truths woven within these narratives – the story beneath the stories – inviting you to step into them and continue them with clarity, courage, and soul.

To join, or for more information, please contact **Chaya** at Chaya@chabadwestminster.com.

from Rabbi Mendy Marlow

Winter program registrations

Winter registration opens soon! Sign up for your favourite classes or try something new with a drop-in activity. Classes begin the week of January 11. Visit our website to view the full brochure.

Residents: November 2, 9 am; Côte Saint Luc and Hampstead residents: November 9, 9 am; all others: November 10, 9 am

Last day to take advantage of early bird pricing: November 20.

Sign up on Amilia or call the sports and recreation centre: **484-6186**.

Free lecture: Why They Served

Presented by **David O'Keefe**, historian
- Wednesday, November 4, 7 pm
- Location: music room, Town Hall

A Walk to Remember led by Dr. Robert Drummond

Join Dr. **Robert Drummond** for a special guided tour through the past to honour our local veterans.
- Saturday, November 7, 11 am
- Meet: sports and recreation centre

Remembrance Ceremony

Join us for our annual Remembrance Ceremony.
- Sunday, November 8
- 12:15 pm: procession from Curzon and Westminster N.
- 12:30 pm: ceremony at the Cenotaph

Self-guided tour of veterans' homes

Take a fall walking tour of MoWest veterans' homes. Over 40 homes have commemorative posters on their front lawns remembering those service 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**.

Teen Night

Looking for something fun to do with your friends? Come hang out at the sports and recreation centre for a Teen Night! Bring your friends and get ready to have a great night! Ages 11-15 years old.
- Friday, November 13, 7 pm: Taylor Swift Night

Free trial fencing

Have you ever wanted to try fencing? Come by our FREE trial to see if this is the sport for you! The trial will teach you basic movements, how to attack, defend and challenge your friend to a duel.

Sign up on Amilia or call the sports and recreation centre. Ages 7 and up.
- Sunday, November 15
- Sessions start every 30 minutes, 2-4 pm



CPKC Holiday Train

- Thursday, November 19, 7 to 7:30 pm
- Location: Montreal West train station
- Cost: Free admission, but attendees are strongly encouraged to bring a monetary or healthy food donation.
- Live music by *Magic!* and *MARIS*



Parents Night Off

Children (ages 4-10) get to come and play! Includes pizza, juice, crafts, games, and a movie. And parents get the night off 5-9 pm!
- Friday, November 20
- Friday, December 18
- Location: sports and recreation centre

Music with Shawny

Join local edu-tainer **Shawny** for music sessions! Sign up.
- Saturday, November 21, Davies Chalet, 0-2 years: 9 am, 3-5 years: 9:45 am
- Saturday, December 12, Town Hall 0-2 years: 9 am, 3-5 years: 9:45 am

Breakfast with Santa



The holiday season is coming soon! Breakfast with Santa will be on Sunday, December 13, 9 am-noon for some arts and crafts, music by **Shawny** and a visit from Santa himself!
- Seating times; 9 am, 10 am, 11 am, noon
- Price: 2 and under: FREE, 3-12 years: $15 resident / $18 non-residents, 13 +: $20 resident / $25 non-residents
- Location: sports and recreation centre

Drop-in activities

Come enjoy a variety of drop-in activities offered every day at the sports and recreation centre! Activities include:
- Rink drop-in: ringette, hockey, figure skating, public skating
- Gym drop-in: pickleball, badminton, volleyball, basketball, 60+ open gym
- Baby gym

Public skating times:

- Saturday: 6-7:30 pm
- Sunday: 1:30-3 pm
- Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10-12 pm
- Tuesday: 1:30-3 pm

Public figure skating

- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 1:30-3 pm

Rink schedule is subject to change; please go to the Town's website for the most up-to-date information

PED days

Looking for something to do on a day off from school? Stop by the sports and recreation centre for daytime drop-in gym and rink activities!

Visit our website under the Steve and Rob Michelin Rink and Gymnasium pages for more information and the full schedule

Call the sports and recreation centre info: **484-6186** or sign up via Amilia.

Club 60+

NEW 60+ open gym

An opportunity for adults 60+ to stay active at their own pace. Walk, jog, skip rope, stretch, or move around the gym independently. No sports nets will be available during this time. Wednesdays, 3 to 4 pm.

Bridge and card games

- Cost: $5 per player
- Tuesday, November 24, 1 pm
- Tuesday, December 15, 1 pm
- Location: sports and recreation centre

Dìa de los Muertos

Join us for a lunch to celebrate the Day of the Dead with **Brenda**, our Spanish teacher! Bring a framed picture of a late loved one and an item that represents them.

- Monday, November 2, noon
- Cost: members: $25: non-members: $35
- Location: sports and recreation centre

Active Walking Group

Sign up on Amilia or call the sports and recreation centre. Cost: FREE!
Tour of St-Joseph's Oratory

- Tuesday, November 3, 9:30 am
- Meeting point: Elmhurst terminus, bus 51

December: Location to be announced

- Tuesday, December 8, 9:30 am

Foot clinic

- Wednesday, November 4
- Wednesday, December 2
- Fees for services: $50 for the first visit, $40 for subsequent visits.
- By appointment only: **484-6186**

Free lecture: Holocaust remembrance

Joey Schreter shares the remarkable stories of his parents, Holocaust survivors **Irving Schreter** and **Paula "Bobbie" Schreter** whose very different journeys of survival ultimately became one family story.

- Wednesday, November 25, 1 pm
- Location: multipurpose room B, sports and recreation centre

Christmas dinner

Come enjoy an evening of great food, exciting entertainment, and more! On the menu is a turkey dinner with all the fixings and live entertainment from the *Lachine Concert Band.*

- Friday, December 11, 6 pm
- Cost: members: $50; non-members: $60,
- Location: sports and recreation centre
- RSVP: Wednesday, November 25

West End Quilters

The Courtepointe Quebec Salon was held in Saint Hyacinthe in October. The show had room for more than 225 quilts, all the vendors and demonstrations.

The *West End Quilters Guild* had four quilts in the group category. We made a quilt for each season using the row-by-row technique. Each row depicts something from the seasons: spring, summer, fall and winter. Although we didn't win a ribbon, we enjoyed seeing the quilts on display. One of our members, **Roz**, was the lucky raffle winner of a Singer sewing machine.

Our challenge for the year is "Tough Decisions." After **Anna** announced the topic at the meeting, we discussed our worst decisions and our best decisions. Many of those included life partners. One decision is: Will I do the challenge? Anything goes; a quilted item of any size that could be pictorial, modern, abstract or scrappy. Always decisions!

We are branching out from quilting, as many members do all kinds of handwork. This month we are trying crocheting.

from Mary Sutherland



Collaborative quilt, entitled "Our fall, row by row."

SEMAINE NATIONALE DES DROITS DES USAGERS
NATIONAL USERS' RIGHTS WEEK

November 9-16 novembre

Visitez nos kiosques d'information! / Visit our information kiosks!

Vous avez des questions sur vos droits ou sur les services de santé et les services sociaux? Nous sommes là pour vous guider et défendre vos droits. Renseignez-vous sur :

- Les 12 droits des usagers et des résidents
- Les services à domicile et de réadaptation
- S'inscrire pour obtenir un médecin de famille
- L'accès aux services
- Le processus de plainte

Have questions about your rights or health and social services? We're here to guide you and advocate for your rights. Learn about:

- The 12 rights of users and residents
- Home care and rehabilitation service
- How to register to be assigned a family doctor
- Access to services
- The complaint process

CLSCs

CLSC René-Cassin
Ven./Fri. 13 novembre, 10h-12h

CLSC de Benny Farm
Lun./Mon. 16 novembre 10h-12h

Hôpitaux de réadaptation / Rehabilitation Centres

Hôpital Richardson Hospital
Mer./Wed. 11 novembre, 10h-12h

Hôpital Catherine Booth Hospital
Jeu./Thu. 12 novembre, 14h-16h

Centres d'hébergement / Residential Centres

Henri Bradet
Lun./Mon. 9 novembre, 14h30-16h30

Saint Margaret
Mar./Tue. 10 novembre, 14h30-16h30

Father Dowd
Mer./Wed. 11 novembre, 13h30-15h30

Saint Andrew
Jeu./Thu. 12 novembre, 10h-12h

Ressource intermédiaire / Intermediate Resource

Lev-Tov: Lun./Mon. 16 novembre, 13h30-15h30

Comité des usagers de Cavendish/Cavendish Users' Committee

userscommittee.cavendish@ssss.gouv.qc.ca ou/or 514-484-7878, #61728

Connaissez vos droits. Soyez informés. Know Your Rights. Be Informed.

Des rafraîchissements seront servis. Refreshments will be served.

COMING EVENTS / À VENIR

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

Next deadline / Date limite:
November 11 novembre

November

Sun 1 **Memorial Sunday**. All welcome. 10 am.

Mon 2 **Winter early bird registration** begins for residents.

Tue 3 **Active Walking Group**. Tour of Saint Joseph's Oratory. Meet at Elmhurst terminus, bus 51. 9:30 am. Sign up on Amilia.

Wed 4 **Lecture: Why They Served** by historian David O'Keefe. Page 22.

Thu 5 **Knit & Natter.** Drop-ins welcome. Every Thursday. Public Library. 3 pm.

Sat 7 **Annual Christmas bazaar**. MW United. 10 am-3 pm.

A Walk to Remember. Page 22.

Knit & Natter. Drop-ins welcome. Every Saturday. Public Library. 4 pm.

Sun 8 **Remembrance Day parade and ceremony**. Page 22.

Remembrance Sunday. All welcome. MW United. 10 am.

Sat 14 **Christmas bazaar**. St. Philip's. 10 am-2 pm.

Sun 15 **Fencing**. Free trial. Page 22.

Wed 18 **Tea and Books** poetry reading by Elizabeth Paulette-Coughlin and Jennifer Boire. Register at info@mwpl.ca.

Thu 19 **Water taxes due / Échéance taxes d'eau**

CPKC Holiday Train. Bring your food donations. 7-7:30 pm.

Sat 21 ***ART etc.*** Town Hall. 10 am-4 pm.

Sun 22 ***ART etc.*** Town Hall. 10 am-4 pm.

Sun 22 **Free Labyrinth Walk**. All Welcome. MW United. 2-4 pm.

Sun 29 **Advent I service**. All welcome. MW United. 10 am.

Sun 29 **Advent I**. St. Philip's. 10 am.

Sun 29 **Carol sing-along, Advent tea and tree lighting**. MW United. 3 pm.

Mon 30 **Council meeting**. In person and virtually. Town Hall. 8 pm.

Classifieds

Support ended for Windows 10 in October. Upgrade to Windows 11, purchase a new or up-to-date used computer or convert your computer to Linux Lite 7. For 55+, a house call (after 3 pm) might be in order. Call Richard at **438-938-6240**.



2026 marked centennial anniversary for Girl Guides' Camp Peaceful Waters. On Saturday, October 3, a big alumnae celebration was held on camp grounds. During the opening ceremony a colourful mural was unveiled, created in part with the help of the MoWest Guiding community.

Read more about Guiding activities on page 11.



Pocket forest planted

The Ronald Pocket Forest is a 200-square-metre urban forest at Promenade Ronald and Brock South, featuring approximately 600 native trees and shrubs. Initiated, funded and coordinated by *UrbaNature Education*; designed and planted by *Arbre-Évolution,* the project brings together community partners to create new habitat, support local biodiversity and expand green space in the neighbourhood. The community planting on October 1 and 2 brought together approximately 50 volunteers on a rainy day to plant and mulch the new forest.

from UrbaNature Education



COUNCIL communiqué



MAYOR'S REPORT

New Westminster Avenue configuration from Milner to Avon

The work, completed mid-October, aimed to bring the level crossing into compliance with *Transport Canada* requirements, improve safety and traffic flow around the Westminster level crossing, and secure pedestrian crossings at the intersection of Ainslie Road. After a normal transition and adjustment period, particularly for motorists, the new configuration appears to be meeting its objectives. The Town will continue to monitor the situation and make adjustments as needed.

Urban design workshop on Westminster Avenue

As part of a Master's workshop in urban design, students from the Faculty of Environmental Design at the University of Montreal will study Westminster Avenue in Montreal West. Throughout the fall semester, they will analyze the street, examine inspiring projects and develop redesign concepts. We welcomed them for a visit in early September and participated in a preliminary presentation of their analysis in October. A public presentation of the results is planned after the end of the semester.

Meeting between Côte Saint-Luc, NDG and Montreal

A meeting dedicated to mobility and road infrastructure brought together the mayors of Côte Saint-Luc, Montreal West and the Côte-des-Neiges–Notre-Dame-de-Grâce borough, as well as the City of Montreal's executive committee member responsible for these files. Discussions focused on coming projects and investments, traffic issues and the need for a broader study. We also agreed to examine the feasibility of an overpass over West Broadway, to continue developing the cycling plan and to better connect MoWest to the existing cycling network. This collaboration will continue through working meetings aimed at reducing congestion, improving user safety and promoting better coexistence between different modes of transportation.

Inauguration of Montreal West's first microforest

The first microforest in MW, located at the corner of Brock Avenue and Ronald Drive, was inaugurated in early October. Much more than just trees, it is a social, educational, environmental and scientific project. A huge thank you to all the partners, including *UrbaNature*, *Arbre-Évolution*, Les *Amis des Parcs*, the S*un & Truth* Foundation, the UPS Foundation, the Town of MW, Councillor Martha Slocombe and the dozens of volunteers who contributed to this collective project.

Heritage partnership: support for home renovation

The Town of MoWest is partnering with the Canada Research Chair in Urban Heritage at UQAM in a three-year initiative, renewable as needed. This collaboration aims to better document and showcase the Town's-built heritage. The project includes analyzing the different architectural styles of houses to develop a renovation guide outlining recommended, acceptable and avoidable interventions. It also includes revising the regulatory framework and creating content for publications, exhibitions and citizen engagement activities. This is a concrete step that will enable us to address a request from citizens to simplify renovation projects and the procedures associated with the Planning Advisory Committee while increasing knowledge about the Town's architecture.

Council strategic meetings

In recent weeks, the municipal council has held special meetings on finance, communications and human resources and participated in a training on facilitating citizen committees. We reviewed applications, conducted interviews and selected two new members for the Planning Advisory Committee.

Montreal Metropolitan Community Action Plan

In September, the MMC adopted the 2026-2030 action plan of the 2026-2046 Metropolitan Land Use and Development Plan (PMAD). The PMAD is structured around three main orientations:

Land Use Planning: A plan focused on creating complete living environments.

Transportation: A plan focused on the sustainable mobility of people and goods.

Environment: A plan focused on the protection, conservation and enhancement of the natural, cultural, landscape and heritage environment.

Visit to the new terminal at the Port of Montreal

As a member of the UMQ's Environment and Climate Change Committee, and at the invitation of the Port of Montreal and the City of Contrecœur, I had the opportunity to visit the new container terminal under construction. Accompanied by several Quebec elected officials, we gained a comprehensive understanding of this large-scale project. Exemplary in terms of environmental management, it is a major economic development project for the Greater Montreal area, Quebec and Canada. More details here: *https://www.port-montreal.com/en/ctc-home.*

Les *Amis de Meadowbrook* Gathering

I accepted the invitation from Les *Amis de Meadowbrook* to their gathering at Toe Blake Park, near the former Saint Pierre River. This iconic location holds particular importance for the organization, which aims for the long-term rehabilitation of this river. The group is enthusiastically pursuing its long-term commitment, focusing on two objectives:

- preserving Meadowbrook as a green space and urban park;
- connecting this area to the green network formed by the railway embankments and the Saint Jacques escarpment.

Provincial elections: a new government

On September 22, I had the pleasure of moderating a debate at Town Hall between five candidates from our riding for the provincial elections. The debate was organized by the Rotary Club of Montreal West & NDG. We addressed several issues of particular importance to our town: language, infrastructure funding, mobility, housing, climate change adaptation and cultural and economic development. The Association of Suburban Municipalities (ASM) also met with elected officials and candidates from various parties to share the priorities of the fifteen municipalities within the agglomeration. We met with the Quebec Liberal Party and the Coalition Avenir Québec, represented by the Minister responsible for the Metropolis and the Montreal region.

On October 5, Quebecers made their choice. In the coming months, we will continue, notably with the ASM and the Union of Quebec Municipalities, to advocate with local elected officials and the provincial government to raise awareness of our priorities and needs.

FIRST YEAR IN REVIEW

It has already been a year since the new town council took office. The review of the first six months was published in The *Informer* (May 2026, Vol. 54, No. 4). Here are the main achievements of the past six months, which complete our review of a very busy first year.

Communications

- Implementation of the new Blanko alert platform

Urban development

- Initiation of a reflective process for the revitalization of Westminster Avenue with *Rues principales*
- Partnership with the University of Montreal for an urban design study on Westminster Avenue
- Launch of an art mural project with MU organization

Finance

- Agreement with IMAGI for the rental of advertising space at the Sports and Recreation Centre

Urban Planning

- Hiring an urban planning technician to expedite the processing of files
- Production of heritage studies on the block tower and the former community centre
- Partnership agreement with the Canada Research Chair in Urban Heritage at UQAM
- Selection of two new members of the Planning Advisory Committee
- Preliminary study for the analysis of the Ronald/Avon/Milton intersection

Ecological transition and environment

- Fruit tree harvesting project in collaboration with *Les Fruits Défendus*
- Cleanup of the railway corridor area by the CPKC
- Stump removal on several properties
- Inauguration of a microforest on Ronald Drive
- Submission of grant applications for tree planting and the urban forestry plan
- Raising awareness among businesses as part of the "*Je relève le défi vert*" initiative
- Planting of sidewalk curb extensions on Sherbrooke Street thanks to the MW Horticultural Society

Citizen participation

- Commencement of work by the five citizen committees
- First meeting of the MW Round Table
- Continued discussions with Council
- Youth discussion group and surveys
- Enhanced Canada Day celebrations and the return of fireworks
- Programming of diverse activities for the entire population

Asset management

- Courtney Drive reconstruction
- Sidewalk reconstruction (Easton, Hudson, Ainslie, Sheraton, Curzon and Milner)
- Ainslie Road rehabilitation
- Launch of geotechnical and environmental soil studies for certain sections of streets
- Acquisition of several vehicles to renew the fleet
- Creation of a Municipal Asset Manager position
- Mandate for an accredited assessment of the rental and market value of the former Community Centre

Economic development

- Partnership with *PME-MTL Centre-Ouest*
- Mandate for an economic analysis for the commercial assessment of Westminster Avenue
- Initiative to renew the merchants' association

Sustainable mobility

- Deployment of a temporary crossing guard at the Ainslie/Westminster intersection
- Westminster Avenue reconfiguration near the railway crossing
- Reconfiguration of the Ainslie/Westminster intersection
- Marking of the bike path on Broughton Avenue
- Installation of BIXI stations
- Discussions with the STM regarding the addition of bus shelters
- Addition of a Communauto station at the MW train station
- Agreement with the *Agence de mobilité durable de Montréal* to identify opportunities for evolving and simplifying parking regulations

Sports

- Inauguration and operating of the swimming pool
- Enhancement of sports and recreational programs for all ages, including teenagers
- Improvements to the baseball field thanks to the MW Civic Recreation Association (CRA)

Happy Halloween!

Jonathan Cha, *Mayor*
Town of Montreal West
jcha@montreal-west.ca



PROGRESS REQUIRES PERSPECTIVE

As the rehabilitation of Ainslie Road comes to a close, residents in the surrounding area will undoubtedly welcome the end of the detours, traffic delays, and disruptions that went along with this project.

These inconveniences are real for every project that we undertake, and I understand the frustrations they can cause. But they also remind us that progress rarely comes without disruptions.

We all want better roads, safer streets, reliable infrastructure and well-maintained public spaces. Yet we cannot expect our town to move forward if every improvement comes without inconvenience to anyone.

These repairs and improvements require patience. Whether introducing new traffic measures, renewing infrastructure or exploring opportunities for development, we must allow time for adjustments, observation and proper evaluation. Initial impressions and individual experiences are valuable, but they do not always tell the whole story. Responsible decisions require listening, gathering information and considering the broader impact on our community.

This does not mean every proposed change is necessarily the right one or that residents' concerns should be overlooked. Thoughtful planning, open dialogue and a willingness to make adjustments are essential to the process.

Preserving the character of Montreal West and allowing it to evolve are not mutually exclusive goals.

Our responsibility is not simply to preserve what we have today, but to ensure that Montreal West continues to thrive tomorrow. That requires thoughtful decisions, a willingness to embrace change and occasionally accepting short-term inconveniences in pursuit of long-term benefits.

Nicholas Tassé, *Councillor*
Asset management and economic development
ntasse@montreal-west.ca



A TINY FOREST FOR WIDER CONNECTIONS

On a rainy October 2, volunteers gathered with *UrbaNature*, the *Sun and Truth* Foundation, *Park People*, Concordia University and *Arbre Évolution* to plant approximately 600 native trees and shrubs, creating MoWest's first pocket forest at the end of Brock Avenue, below Ronald Drive.

I'm excited about what this forest will bring to our Town, but also about how it connects us to the wider natural environment.

The microforest is one of a series of small habitats being created along Saint Jacques Street in Notre-Dame-de-Grâce to extend the ecological reach of the Saint Jacques Escarpment. This planting in Montreal West is part of a broader effort to connect natural spaces across the city.

Ecological connectivity means linking natural habitats so wildlife can move between areas where they find food, shelter and breeding grounds. In urban environments, roads, railways and buildings can fragment habitats, making these connections particularly important.

This is something we can also consider closer to home. Protecting existing green spaces, planting trees and native vegetation and taking habitat connectivity into account in urban planning can all help make our Town more environmentally resilient. As Montreal West grows and evolves, we can consider how our decisions help nature thrive, not just in individual green spaces, but across the broader landscape.

The pocket forest will also be a place for both learning and discovery. Children from two local daycares have already visited to explore trees, insects and leaves, while planned monitoring of birds, bats, insects, temperature and air quality will help build our understanding of the local environment. As the forest grows, it will offer residents new ways to experience nature right here in our community.

Thank you to everyone who helped plant the forest and to all our partners for their work in bringing the project to life.

Martha Slocombe, *Councillor*
Ecological transition, urban planning and citizen participation
mslocombe@montreal-west.ca



Dear residents of Montreal West,

Sustainable mobility + Safety

This month has been a doozy! Many of you commented on the resident FB page (yes, I do read the local groups!), and countless residents wrote to me by email about the Westminster level crossing pilot project. (I can't imagine what is being said on TikTok or IG!)

Refresher: the project has been in the works for several years. A town hall information meeting was held in June 2025, and previous and current councillors have informed residents on countless occasions. The subject is practically in every one of my communiqués, I sound like a broken record (I apologize).

As we all know, this part of Westminster Street is very complex: a high-traffic area for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians, with countless trains passing through, many cross streets (with and without stop signs) and multiple crosswalks. Add the human factor: we all have our bad days, distracted days, tired days and days when we're running late. Now multiply that by the many hundreds of commuters who pass through each day. What a Kafkaesque situation (my word of the day).

Who here hasn't had a close call as a motorist, cyclist or pedestrian at or near the level crossing? I bet not many....

The project's main goal is to comply with Transport Canada's requirements and to improve safety and traffic flow around the crossing. Traffic engineers from WSP were hired to conduct studies and guide the town's decision-making.

The solution is not perfect, because there are no perfect solutions. It's the least bad option, or the best of the worst (however you want to see it). But one thing is certain: the status quo was no longer an option.

Expect an adaptation period of several months, so please be patient with one another. And yes, some people will still attempt dangerous maneuvers (it's inevitable). We will be asking our local police officers to help enforce the new traffic rules for everyone's safety.

With the help of the Sustainable Mobility Committee, Council and town employees, modifications may be made to improve the experience for everyone affected by the new configuration. We just need time to see the results (data) and user experience.

Many of you also commented on the lack of notification about the overnight road closures. I invite every resident to sign up for town alerts (search "town alerts" on the town's website).

Thank you for your continuing patience.

On a separate note, leaf blower tolerance starts November 1 until November 30. Enjoy your fall cleanup.

Sports

The municipal pool closed its doors for the season on September 20. What a great first year in our new home! Thank you to those who took the time to fill out the satisfaction survey.

Special daily activities will be programmed at the Sports and Recreation Centre during coming ped days for students of our local EMSB and CSSMB public schools. Please check the website for details.

Coming events: Halloween Spooktacular, October 30 (starting at 5 p.m.); Halloween free skate, October 31 (4 to 6 p.m.).

Here to serve,

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THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COUNCIL.... DID YOU KNOW WE HAD ONE?

As we plan for Budget 2027, the Community Services Council (CSC) will meet to discuss recommendations to Council on cultural and recreational needs and activities that require funding from the Town.

The CSC is a separate incorporated entity comprised of residents representing different demographics in the Town including youth and seniors; Town recreation staff are also on the Council to advise.

As a non-profit, the CSC can apply for grants and appoint personnel to administer the provincial and federal grants made available to the community. The CSC receives information packages in advance, which include budget details and financial statements from Montreal West cultural and recreational groups. The CSC has an opportunity to pose questions to each group applying for funding, deliberate and then proceed with a recommended funding option to Council. Council then discusses needs inline with overall budget planning for the Town.

Some of the larger grants are awarded to both the *Montreal West Public Library* and the *Montreal West Children's Library*. The *Informer* is also a recipient of funding and the *Roots and Remembrance* Program receives a nominal amount. Over the years, funding requests slightly increase. We encourage applicants to fundraise and partner to reduce the amount of funds that are requested. The Town awards approximately $230, 000 on annual basis.

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RAPPORT DU MAIRE

Nouvelle configuration de l'avenue Westminster de Milner à Avon

Les travaux terminés à la mi-octobre avaient pour objectif de rendre le passage à niveau conforme aux exigences de *Transport Canada*, d'améliorer la sécurité et la fluidité des déplacements aux abords du passage à niveau en plus de sécuriser les traverses piétonnes à l'intersection du chemin Ainslie. Après une période normale de transition et d'adaptation pour les automobilistes en particulier, la nouvelle configuration semble répondre aux objectifs. La Ville continuera de monitorer la situation et apportera au besoin des modifications.

Atelier de design urbain sur l'avenue Westminster

Dans le cadre d'un atelier de maîtrise en design urbain, des étudiants de la Faculté de l'aménagement de l'Université de Montréal étudieront l'avenue Westminster, à Mo-Ouest. Tout au long du semestre d'automne, ils analyseront la rue, examineront des projets inspirants et élaboreront des concepts de réaménagement. Nous les avons accueillis lors d'une visite au début de septembre et avons participé à une présentation préliminaire de leur analyse en octobre. Une présentation publique des résultats est prévue après la fin du trimestre.

Concertation pour adresser les enjeux de trafic et de mobilité

Une rencontre consacrée à la mobilité et aux infrastructures routières a réuni les maires de Côte Saint-Luc, de Montréal-Ouest et de l'arrondissement de Côte-des-Neiges–Notre-Dame-de-Grâce, ainsi que l'élu responsable de ces dossiers au comité exécutif de la Ville de Montréal. Les échanges ont porté sur les projets et les investissements à venir, les enjeux de circulation et la nécessité de mener une étude élargie. Nous avons également convenu d'examiner la faisabilité d'un pont à étagement au-dessus de la rue West Broadway, de poursuivre l'élaboration du plan vélo et de mieux relier Mo-Ouest au réseau cyclable existant. Cette collaboration se poursuivra dans le cadre de rencontres de travail visant à réduire la congestion, à améliorer la sécurité des usagers et à favoriser une meilleure cohabitation entre les différents modes de transport.

Inauguration de la première microforêt de Montréal-Ouest

La première microforêt de Montréal-Ouest, située à l'angle de l'avenue Brock et de la promenade Ronald, a été inaugurée au début octobre. Bien plus que des arbres, il s'agit d'un projet social, éducatif, environnemental et scientifique. Un immense merci à tous les partenaires dont *UrbaNature*, *Arbre-Évolution*, *les amis des parcs*, la Fondation *Sun & Truth*, la Fondation UPS, la Ville de Montréal-Ouest, la conseillère Martha Slocombe et les dizaines de bénévoles qui ont participé à la réalisation de ce projet collectif.

Partenariat en patrimoine : une aide à la rénovation des maisons

La Ville de Mo-Ouest s'associe à la Chaire de recherche du Canada en patrimoine urbain de l'UQAM dans le cadre d'un partenariat de trois ans, renouvelable selon les besoins. Cette collaboration vise à mieux documenter et mettre en valeur le patrimoine bâti de la ville. Le projet prévoit notamment d'analyser les différentes familles architecturales des maisons afin d'élaborer un guide de rénovation précisant les interventions recommandées, acceptables ou à éviter. Il comprend également la révision du cadre règlementaire, la création de contenus destinés à une publication, à des expositions et à des activités de mobilisation citoyenne. Il s'agit d'un geste concret qui nous permettra d'adresser une demande des citoyens de faciliter les projets de rénovation et les démarches liées au comité consultatif d'urbanisme tout en augmentant les connaissances sur l'architecture de la ville.

Rencontres stratégiques du conseil

Dans les dernières semaines, le conseil municipal a tenu des lac-à-l'épaule sur les finances, les communications et les ressources humaines, et participé à une formation sur l'animation des comités citoyens. Nous avons analysé les dossiers de candidatures, procédé aux entrevues et à la sélection de deux nouveaux membres du comité consultatif d'urbanisme.

Plan d'action du Plan métropolitain d'aménagement et de développement

La Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal (CMM) a adopté en septembre le plan d'action 2026-2030 du Plan métropolitain d'aménagement et de développement (PMAD) 2026-2046. Rappelons que le PMAD s'articule autour de trois grandes orientations :

Aménagement : Un plan qui mise sur la création de milieux de vie complets.
Transport : Un plan qui mise sur la mobilité durable des personnes et des marchandises.
Environnement : Un plan qui mise sur la protection, la conservation et la mise en valeur de l'environnement naturel, culturel, paysager et patrimonial.

Visite du nouveau terminal portuaire du port de Montréal

Comme membre de la Commission de l'environnement et des changements climatiques de l'UMQ, et à l'invitation du Port de Montréal et de la Ville de Contrecœur, j'ai eu l'opportunité de visiter le nouveau terminal portuaire en construction. Accompagné de plusieurs élus québécois, nous avons pris l'ampleur de ce chantier d'envergure. Exemplaire en termes de gestion environnementale, il s'agit d'un projet majeur de développement économique pour la Grande région de Montréal, le Québec et le Canada. Plus de détails ici : *https://www.port-montreal.com/fr/contrecoeur*.

Rassemblement des *Amis de Meadowbrook*

J'ai participé à l'invitation des *Amis de Meadowbrook* à leur rassemblement

au parc Toe-Blake, à proximité de l'ancienne rivière Saint-Pierre. Ce lieu emblématique revêt une importance particulière pour l'organisation, qui vise à long terme la réhabilitation de cette rivière. Le groupe poursuit son engagement durable avec enthousiasme autour de deux objectifs :

- préserver Meadowbrook comme espace vert et parc urbain;
- relier ce territoire à la trame verte formée par les abords des voies ferrées et la falaise Saint-Jacques.

Élections provinciales : un nouveau gouvernement

Le 22 septembre, j'ai eu le plaisir d'animer à l'hôtel de ville le débat entre 5 candidats de notre circonscription pour les élections provinciales. Le débat était organisé par le Club Rotary de Mo-Ouest & NDG. Nous avons adressé plusieurs enjeux qui concernent particulièrement notre ville : la langue, le financement des infrastructures, la mobilité, l'habitation, l'adaptation aux changements climatiques et le développement culturel et économique. L'Association des municipalités de banlieue (AMB) a également rencontré les élus et candidats des différents partis pour leur faire part des priorités des quinze villes liées de l'agglomération de Montréal. Nous avons rencontré le Parti Libéral du Québec et la Coalition Avenir Québec représenté par la ministre responsable de la Métropole et la région de Montréal.

Le 5 octobre, les Québécois ont fait leur choix. Dans les prochains mois, nous continuerons avec l'AMB et l'Union des municipalités du Québec nos repré-sentations auprès des élus locaux et du gouvernement provincial pour faire connaître nos priorités et besoins.

BILAN DE LA PREMIÈRE ANNÉE

Voilà déjà un an que le nouveau conseil municipal est en poste. Le bilan des six premiers mois a été publié dans The *Informer* (mai 2026, Vol. 54, No. 4). Voici les principales réalisations des six derniers mois qui complètent notre bilan d'une première année bien chargée.

Communications

- Mise en place de la nouvelle plateforme d'alerte Blanko

Développement urbain

- Amorce d'une démarche réflective pour la revitalisation de l'avenue Westminster avec l'organisme Rues Principales;
- Partenariat avec l'Université de Montréal pour la tenue d'un atelier de design urbain sur l'avenue Westminster
- Initiation d'un projet de murale artistique avec l'organisme MU

Finances

- Entente avec IMAGI pour la location d'espaces publicitaires au centre sportif et récréatif;

Urbanisme

- Embauche d'une technicienne en urbanisme pour accélérer le traitement des dossiers
- Production d'études patrimoniales sur la tour d'aiguillage et l'ancien centre communautaire
- Entente de partenariat avec la Chaire de recherche du Canada en patrimoine urbain de l'UQAM
- Sélection de deux nouveaux membres du Comité consultatif d'urbanisme
- Étude préliminaire pour l'analyse de l'intersection Ronald/Avon/Milton

Transition écologique et environnement

- Projet de cueillette des arbres fruitiers en collaboration avec *Les Fruits Défendus*
- Nettoyage des abords du corridor ferroviaire par le CPKC
- Travaux d'essouchement sur plusieurs terrains
- Inauguration d'une micro-forêt sur la promenade Ronald
- Dépôt de demandes de subvention pour la plantation d'arbres et le plan de foresterie urbaine
- Sensibilisation des commerces dans le cadre de l'initiative « *Je relève le défi vert* »
- Plantation de saillies de trottoirs de la rue Sherbrooke grâce à la *Société horticole de Mo-Ouest*

Participation citoyenne

- Amorce des travaux des 5 comités citoyens
- Première rencontre de la table de concertation
- Poursuite des Échanges avec le conseil
- Groupe de discussion avec les jeunes et sondages
- Bonification de la Fête du Canada et retour des feux d'artifice
- Programmation d'activités diversifiées pour toute la population

Gestion des actifs

- Reconstruction de la promenade Courtney
- Reconstruction de trottoirs (Easton, Hudson, Ainslie, Sheraton, Curzon et Milner)
- Reconstruction de la chaussée du chemin Ainslie
- Lancement des études géotechniques et environnementales des sols pour certaines portions de rues
- Acquisition de plusieurs véhicules contribuant au rajeunissement de la flotte
- Création d'un poste de gestionnaire d'actifs municipaux
- Mandat d'évaluation agréée de la valeur locative et de la valeur marchande de l'ancien centre communautaire

Développement économique

- Partenariat avec *PME-MTL Centre-Ouest*
- Mandat d'analyse économique pour le diagnostic commercial de l'avenue Westminster
- Démarche pour la relance de l'association des marchands

Mobilité durable

- Mise en place d'un brigadier temporaire à l'intersection Ainslie/Westminster
- Reconfiguration de l'avenue Westminster près du passage à niveau
- Reconfiguration de l'intersection Ainslie/Westminster
- Marquage du lien cyclable sur l'avenue Broughton
- Implantation de stations BIXI
- Discussion avec la STM pour l'ajout d'abribus
- Ajout d'une station communauto à la gare de Mo-Ouest
- Entente avec l'Agence de mobilité durable de Montréal visant à identifier les possibilités d'évolution et de simplification de la réglementation de stationnement

Sports

- Inauguration et mise en service de la piscine
- Bonification des programmes sportifs et récréatifs pour tous les âges incluant les adolescents
- Amélioration du terrain de baseball grâce à l'association récréative civique de Mo-Ouest (ARC)

Joyeuse Halloween !

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LE PROGRÈS EXIGE DU RECUL

Alors que la réfection du chemin Ainslie touche à sa fin, les résidents du secteur accueilleront sans aucun doute avec soulagement la fin des détours, des ralentissements de circulation et des perturbations associés à ce projet.

Ces inconvénients sont bien réels dans chacun des projets que nous réalisons, et je comprends les frustrations qu'ils peuvent engendrer. Ils nous rappellent toutefois que le progrès s'accompagne rarement d'aucune perturbation.

Nous souhaitons tous de meilleures routes, des rues plus sécuritaires, des infrastructures fiables et des espaces publics bien entretenus. Pourtant, nous ne pouvons pas nous attendre à ce que notre ville progresse si chaque amélioration doit se faire sans causer le moindre inconvénient à qui que ce soit.

Ces travaux de réparation et d'amélioration exigent de la patience. Qu'il s'agisse de mettre en place de nouvelles mesures de circulation, de renouveler des infrastructures ou d'explorer des possibilités de développement, nous devons nous donner le temps de nous adapter, d'observer et d'évaluer adéquatement les résultats. Les premières impressions et les expériences individuelles sont importantes, mais elles ne révèlent pas toujours l'ensemble de la réalité. Une prise de décision responsable exige d'être à l'écoute, de recueillir l'information nécessaire et de tenir compte des répercussions plus larges sur l'ensemble de notre communauté.

Cela ne signifie pas que chaque changement proposé est nécessairement le bon, ni que les préoccupations des citoyens doivent être mises de côté. Une planification réfléchie, un dialogue ouvert et une volonté d'apporter des ajustements au besoin sont essentiels au processus.

Préserver le caractère de Montréal-Ouest tout en lui permettant d'évoluer ne sont pas des objectifs incompatibles.

Notre responsabilité ne consiste pas simplement à préserver ce que nous avons aujourd'hui, mais à faire en sorte que Montréal-Ouest continue de prospérer demain. Cela exige des décisions réfléchies, une ouverture au changement et, à l'occasion, l'acceptation d'inconvénients à court terme afin d'obtenir des bénéfices durables à long terme.

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UNE PETITE FORÊT QUI CRÉE DE GRANDS LIENS

Sous la pluie, le 2 octobre, des bénévoles se sont réunis avec *UrbaNature*, la Fondation *Sun and Truth*, *Park People*, l'Université Concordia et *Arbre-Évolution* pour planter environ 600 arbres et arbustes indigènes, créant ainsi la première microforêt de Montréal-Ouest, à l'intersection de l'avenue Brock S. et du chemin Ronald.

Je me réjouis de ce que cette forêt apportera à notre ville, mais aussi de la façon dont elle nous relie à l'environnement naturel qui nous entoure.

La microforêt fait partie d'une série de petits habitats aménagés le long de la rue Saint-Jacques, à Notre-Dame-de-Grâce, afin d'étendre la portée écologique de la falaise Saint-Jacques. Cette plantation à Montréal-Ouest s'inscrit dans un effort plus vaste visant à relier les espaces naturels à travers la ville.

La connectivité écologique consiste à relier les habitats naturels afin que la faune puisse se déplacer entre les endroits où elle trouve nourriture, abri et lieux de reproduction. En milieu urbain, les routes, les voies ferrées et les bâtiments peuvent fragmenter les habitats, ce qui rend ces connexions particulièrement importantes.

C'est aussi une question que nous pouvons considérer plus près de chez nous. Protéger les espaces verts existants, planter des arbres et de la végétation indigène, et tenir compte de la connectivité des habitats dans la planification urbaine peuvent contribuer à rendre notre ville plus résiliente sur le plan environnemental. À mesure que Montréal-Ouest grandit et évolue, nous pouvons réfléchir à la façon dont nos décisions permettent à la nature de s'épanouir, non seulement dans des espaces verts individuels, mais dans l'ensemble du paysage.

La microforêt sera également un lieu d'apprentissage et de découverte. Des enfants de deux garderies locales l'ont déjà visitée pour explorer les arbres, les insectes et les feuilles. Par ailleurs, un programme de suivi des oiseaux, des chauves-souris, des insectes, de la température et de la qualité de l'air nous aidera à mieux comprendre l'environnement local. À mesure que la forêt grandira, elle offrira aux résidents de nouvelles façons de découvrir la nature ici même, dans notre communauté.

Merci à toutes les personnes qui ont contribué à planter la forêt, ainsi qu'à tous nos partenaires pour leur travail afin de donner vie à ce projet.

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Chers voisins et résidents de Montréal-Ouest,

Mobilité durable et sécurité

Ce mois-ci a été mouvementé! Plusieurs d'entre vous ont commenté sur la page FB des résidents (oui, je lis bien les groupes Facebook locaux!), et d'innombrables résidents m'ont écrit par courriel au sujet du projet pilote du passage à niveau Westminster.

Petit rappel : le projet est en préparation depuis plusieurs années. Une séance d'information publique a eu lieu en 2025, et les conseillers actuels et précédents ont informé les résidents à d'innombrables reprises. Le sujet revient pratiquement dans tous mes communiqués, au point où je me sens comme un perroquet (je m'en excuse).

Ce tronçon de la rue Westminster est très complexe : un secteur très fréquenté par les automobilistes, les cyclistes et les piétons, où passent d'innombrables trains, avec de nombreuses rues transversales (avec et sans arrêts) et plusieurs passages pour piétons. Ajoutez le facteur humain : nous avons tous nos journées plus distraites, plus fatiguée et celles où nous sommes en retard. Multipliez maintenant cela par les centaines de personnes qui traversent le secteur chaque jour. Quelle situation kafkaïenne (mon mot du jour).

Qui n'a jamais frôlé l'accident, en tant qu'automobiliste, cycliste ou piéton, au passage à niveau ou à proximité? Je parie que peu de gens répondraient non…

Le principal objectif du projet est de respecter les exigences de Transports Canada et d'améliorer la sécurité et la fluidité de la circulation autour du passage à niveau. Des ingénieurs en circulation de WSP ont été engagés pour réaliser des études et guider la Ville dans sa prise de décision.

Il n'existe pas de solution parfaite. C'est la moins mauvaise option, ou le meilleur des pires scénarios. Mais une chose est certaine : le statu quo n'était plus une option.

Prévoyez une période d'adaptation de plusieurs mois, et soyons patients les uns envers les autres. Et oui, certaines personnes tenteront encore des manœuvres dangereuses (c'est inévitable). Nous demanderons à nos policiers locaux de nous aider à faire respecter les nouvelles règles de circulation, pour la sécurité de tous.

Avec l'aide du Comité de mobilité durable, du conseil et des employés de la Ville, des modifications pourront être apportées afin d'améliorer l'expérience de toutes les personnes touchées par la nouvelle configuration. Il nous faut simplement du temps pour observer les résultats et l'expérience des usagers.

Plusieurs d'entre vous ont également mentionné le manque d'avis concernant les fermetures de rues de nuit. J'invite tous les résidents à s'inscrire aux alertes de la Ville (cherchez « Alertes municipales » sur le site Web de la Ville).

Merci de votre patience.

Par ailleurs, la période de tolérance pour les souffleuses à feuilles s'étend du 1er au 30 novembre. Profitez bien de votre nettoyage d'automne!

Sports

La piscine municipale a fermé ses portes pour la saison le 20 septembre dernier. Quelle belle première année dans notre nouvelle maison! Merci à celles et ceux qui ont pris le temps de répondre au sondage de satisfaction.

Des activités spéciales quotidiennes seront créées lors des journées pédagogiques des écoles publique de l' ESMB et de CSSMB de notre territoire. Surveillez le site Web pour plus d'information.

Événements à venir : Halloween Spooktaculaire, 30 octobre (dès 17h); patinage libre de l'Halloween, 31 octobre (de 16h à 18h).

Ici pour vous servir,

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LE CONSEIL DES SERVICES COMMUNAUTAIRES… SAVIEZ-VOUS QUE NOUS EN AVIONS UN?

Dans le cadre de la planification du budget 2027, le Conseil des services communautaires (CSC) se réunira afin de discuter des recommandations à présenter au conseil municipal concernant les besoins et les activités culturels et récréatifs nécessitant un financement de la Ville.

Le CSC est une entité constituée distincte composée de résidents représentant différents groupes démographiques de la Ville, notamment les jeunes et les aînés; des membres du personnel municipal des loisirs siègent également au Conseil à titre consultatif. En tant qu'organisme sans but lucratif, le CSC peut présenter des demandes de subvention et nommer du personnel chargé d'administrer les subventions provinciales et fédérales offertes à la communauté. Le CSC reçoit à l'avance des dossiers d'information comprenant les détails budgétaires et les états financiers des groupes culturels et récréatifs de Montréal-Ouest. Il peut poser des questions à chaque groupe qui demande du financement, délibérer, puis recommander une option de financement au conseil municipal. Celui-ci examine ensuite les besoins dans le cadre de la planification budgétaire globale de la Ville. Parmi les subventions les plus importantes figurent celles accordées à la Bibliothèque publique de Montréal-Ouest et à la Bibliothèque des jeunes de Montréal-Ouest. Le journal The *Informer* reçoit également du financement, tout comme le programme *Nos racines, notre patrimoine*, qui reçoit un montant symbolique. Au fil des ans, les demandes de financement augmentent légèrement. Nous encourageons les demandeurs à organiser des collectes de fonds et à établir des partenariats afin de réduire les sommes demandées. La Ville accorde environ 230 000 $ par année.

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