

**Westmount Municipal Association
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 10th 2008 at 7p.m.**

Location

Recreation room/terrace at Stan Grossman's apt complex

Present

Henry Olders, Stanley Baker, Paul Billette, Henny Blom, Kathleen Cousens, Rosalind Davis, Patricia Dumais, Michael Elwood, Marilyn Gillies, Stan Grossman, John Johnston, Helen Rainville, Aldo Vesnaver, Don Wedge

Regrets

Martine Dubreuil

Minutes taken by

P. Dumais

Approval of the agenda

Approved. Additions under "New Business": AGM thank yous; summit woods; Sherbrooke/Lansdowne lights; Wood/St-Catherine intersection; Clark/St-Catherine lights; thank administration; wine for tonight's meeting.

Approval of last month's minutes

Minutes approved

OLD BUSINESS

Family Day

H. Blom thanked volunteers: P.Dumais and S.Grossman for preparing the quiz poster; H. Rainville and H. Olders for setting up; the volunteers who manned the booth. The Board thanked H. Blom for taking charge of the project. S.Grossman said that not enough people participated in the quiz because the indoor shots were difficult to identify.

WMA Centennial Gala

Preparations are in progress. A meeting will take place Wednesday June 18th to discuss the souvenir program.

New WMA flyer

New flyer was well received.

Pool-arena project

City put notes up on their web site. H. Olders suggested that a Board Member check out the notes.

Council Meeting

Cycle path: S. Grossman brought forth some issues and made some suggestions to City Hall.

Dumping of snow in Summit Park: It was agreed that because of last winter's exceptional snowfall this was done out of necessity.

Restaurant issue: S. Grossman said that he would question the bylaw concerning limiting restaurants and terraces. H. Olders suggested sending a survey to residents.

Business Recycling Survey

H. Olders questioned the City about their survey. Results have yet to be released. Councillor John De Castell promised to send survey to H. Olders when completed.

The question of whether business recycling should come out of the City budget came up. H. Olders said that a WMA survey could have asked this question and offered possible answers. P. Billette suggested that the WMA form a committee to look into the issue. H. Olders suggested we wait for the City survey first.

A discussion about recycling in general arose. A. Vesnaver and J. Johnston said that their apartment buildings do not provide recycling facilities. H. Olders said that recycling in apartment buildings is an

important issue and that the WMA should be involved. He also questioned whether the WMA should have a role in reporting landlords that do not comply. M. Elwood said that the City was on the right track with composting, recycling and garbage reduction.

MUHC

J. Johnston had nothing to report for now.

Special Council Meeting

No change to proposed plumbing bylaw. New bylaw among other things forbids new garburators or replacements. Plastic plumbing: A. Vesnaver questioned reason for banning plastic in first place. Reason suggested was fire safety. S. Baker suggested Councillor Patrick Martin as guest speaker for an open MGM.

NEW BUSINESS

Lansdowne/Sherbrooke Intersection

Flashing arrow no longer exists. M. Elwood will take to Council.

Clark/St-Catherine Intersection

Little time for pedestrians to cross. S. Baker will take to Council.

Wood/St-Catherine Intersection

Cars park on pedestrian crossing. P. Dumais will take to J. De Castel.

Protection of Summit Park

M. Gillies presented a report on behalf of John Fretz, a citizen concerned by the state of the Park's trail system that, according to him, is badly in need of some maintenance. H. Olders suggested that the WMA form a committee to look into the issue. P. Dumais, J. Johnston and M. Gillies will form one to look into the matter.

Thank yous

M. Gillies suggested writing thank you notes on WMA stationery to Joan McCormick for translating the WMA flyer and to Emily Andrews and Kelly Simmons, musicians who performed at the AGM.

Tracking system

H. Olders suggested creating a tracking system to follow up on issues raised at Council meetings.

Fall speakers

Suggested speakers for this fall include: the new Director of Public Works, Councillor Patrick Martin and Anthony Housefather, Mayor of Côte St-Luc. It was suggested that a first open meeting occur mid-September.

Change of meeting day

H. Olders will send Board Members a survey.

Next meeting

Scheduled tentatively Tuesday August 19th at our usual venue, the Library Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



Patricia Dumais,
Recording Secretary