

**Westmount Municipal Association
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 2nd 2008 at 7p.m.**

Location

Boardroom of the Westmount Library

Present

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

Regrets

Aldo Vesnaver

Minutes taken by

P. Dumais

Approval of last month's minutes

Minutes approved

Approval of the agenda

Approved. Additions under "New Business": Council meetings; Meet the Candidates meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

WMA Centennial Gala

P. Billette reported that the letters to the dignitaries (the Queen, Governor General, Prime Minister, Premier, Mayor Marks etc.) were sent. S. Grossman has secured flowers for the event from Westmount Florist as well as a certificate from Henrietta Antony for a wine tasting on her estate. The dress code will be black tie optional. The meal will be sit-down with 3 courses: salad, main course (chicken, fish or vegetarian) and dessert. Looking into caterers from Westmount (ex: Simply Wonderful) and beyond. Cocktails will take place at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Price of ticket still to be determined but will be around \$90. Two free cocktails, wine at dinner for sale.

Pool-arena project

See council meeting.

Council Meetings

June 16th — S. Grossman thanked Mayor Marks for her handling of the agglomeration deal. He also inquired about Westmount's restored control over the arterial roads (ex: Sherbrooke St). He was told that the city is responsible for repairs and management but not the timing of traffic lights.

Sherbrooke/Lansdowne lights: M. Elwood stated to Council that there is a problem with the Sherbrooke/Lansdowne lights but Council could not offer a solution. H. Olders suggested that he deal directly with the traffic police on this matter

Cycle path: S. Grossman inquired about the plan to link the Canal cycling path with the de Maisonneuve path via the Glen. The project is on hold while Montreal makes a decision on the matter.

July 22nd — Special pool-arena project meeting: S. Grossman wrote to the Examiner about the unruly behaviour at the meeting.

August 13th — Building Permit Lawsuit 27 Bellevue: Council voted against the amendment to the permit. Decision will go to the courts. H. Olders suggested doing a survey on protection of views. H. Olders, M. Gillies and M. Elwood to form a committee on this issue.

Business Recycling Survey

Nothing to report for now.

MUHC

Ditto.

NEW BUSINESS

Meet the Candidates Meeting

S. Baker stated that it was the most successful to date, drawing over 400 attendees. Suggestion from S. Grossman to can the signs and replace with flashing lights. He also said the existing question system should be revised because some candidates were not given much of an opportunity to speak.

Sports and recreation sign-up

R. Davis reported many on wait lists. People lined up for hours to sign up. There is a big demand for new ice rinks.

Sound Barrier

Damaged with two panes broken.

Train Line

S. Grossman stated that we would only have silent trains when the tracks are welded together in one continuous line from Downtown Montreal to Dorval.

Guest Speakers

Suggested guest speakers for next month's open meeting: Patrick Martin, Joshua Wolfe, Police Chief Michel Wilson, Mayor of Côte St-Luc Anthony Housefather, Emanuel Cosgrove and Head of Public Security Richard Blondin. Patrick Martin will be approached first.

Next meeting

Open meeting scheduled for Tuesday October 7th in the Westmount Room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Patricia Dumais,
Recording Secretary