

## COUNCIL ROUND-UP

### Red Fisher recognized by council

Côte St. Luc council officially honoured long-time resident Red Fisher at the June 11 meeting. Fisher, 85, recently retired from a sports writing career dating back to 1943.

While attending Sir George Williams College, Fisher saw an ad in The Monitor asking for students to cover local sports. In the February 10 edition of the Westmount Independent, Fisher recounted the first phone call he made to publisher Hugh McCormick: “He immediately said, ‘You’re hired’ and I said, ‘How much do you pay?’ He said ‘Nothing.’ I said, ‘I’ll take it.’ That’s how it got started, with me writing about George Williams athletes.”

### What's in a name?

Apparently there was a bit of confusion when the city filed a new by-law with the province last month. Councillor Michael “Mike” Cohen is known as “Michael” by the province, but he uses the name “Mike” for his political campaign and most city documents. As a spokesperson for the English Montreal School Board, he uses “Michael.”

So, when the city submitted him as Mike Cohen in a by-law allowing councillors to marry people, it was rejected by the province.

The council voted to amend the name

to “Michael ‘Mike’ Cohen.”

Mayor congratulates Berku

Mayor Anthony Housefather started the meeting by congratulating Dida Berku for winning a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

“Dida was honoured and awarded a medal as a result of her commitment to the environment — in particular, her love of working to preserve Meadowbrook,” said Housefather. “I want to congratulate her on behalf of all the members of council and staff.”

### Less money spent on waterline repairs: Erdelyi

Last year, by May 31, The city spent had spent about \$413,000 on emergency repairs due to water main breaks. But, this year, as the city continues to invest in refurbishing the pipes with liners, CSL has only spent \$194,000 on emergency repairs, according to Councillor Steven Erdelyi.

“So we spent less than half the amount,” said Erdelyi. “In the month of May, we had no water main breaks and I am happy to report that as well.”

### Nashen laments texting while driving

Councillor Glenn Nashen said the World Health Organization is categorizing texting while driving as a world epidemic and that “the number of deaths attributed to texting and driving will far surpass all the diseases of the world, which is an extraordinary statistic.”

He said he supports the recent efforts by the local police to get the message out to young teens that texting while driving is a recipe for disaster.



Mayor Anthony Housefather sported an ace bandage on his wrist during the last council meeting.

### Bitter enemies?

Councillor Allan Levine got a bit of eye rolling and groans by fellow councillors during the tribute to Fisher. Councillor Dida Berku even went as far as to call “out of order” when Levine said Fisher was once a “bitter enemy” during the tribute.

Levine said years ago, Fisher installed illegal cabinets and “I made him replace his kitchen.” Levine said they have since made up and “nobody can write a story like Red Fisher.”

### Overheard at the meeting

“There is nothing I want to do about kids smoking cigarettes in a park, as much as I don’t agree with smoking,” said Housefather. “If they’re near a playground, that’s a different issue. There’s a by-law related to that.”

—Isaac Olson

## ‘Quiet’ unarmed man robs bank

There was a bit of confusion when a man went up to a TD bank teller and quietly told her to “give me the money.”

Station 9’s constable Vincent De Angelis said the teller’s first question was, “The bank’s money?” To this, the robber replied, “Yes, the bank’s money.”

The incident happened at 5:30 pm, June 11 at TD Bank on Westminster Ave. The teller put an undisclosed amount of money in a plastic bag and handed it to the man, who is described as being black, about 40 years old, wearing a black hat and sports jacket. He is 180 centimetres tall and around 85 kilos. He spoke English to the teller.

Witnesses said they didn’t see where he went after exiting the building or if he used a vehicle to escape. “He was very quiet and not nervous,” said De Angelis, noting that, even without a weapon, the man committed a serious crime. “He was not loud. He just said ‘give me the money’ to the teller two times and she did. Tellers are usually trained not to resist.”

De Angelis said police are still investigating.

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