

Lambert wins WMA volunteer award

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

As co-founder and president of the Association of Pedestrians and Cyclists of Westmount since 2009, Dan Lambert has spent many volunteer hours working at the community and political levels to promote bicycle use and safety as well as more bike lanes and greater awareness of active transportation.

Lambert was recognized for his efforts as this year's recipient of the Derek Walker Volunteer-of-the-Year Award presented by the Westmount Municipal Association at its annual general meeting May 10 at Victoria Hall. (See photo, p. 4.)

"I'm very honoured but a little embarrassed because there are a lot of others who deserved it," Lambert told the *Independent*. "My focus has been on the one issue."

"Dan has been, and continues to be, an engaged and active leader in Westmount," said Councillor Philip Cutler, commissioner of Public Security.

"Always eager to volunteer his time and share his experience and insight, he has helped the community progress in a positive and health-conscious manner, particularly around cycling and active trans-

portation."

And while Lambert is careful, by his own admission, not to take the credit for advances that have been made in cycling in Westmount, he admits the association was "kind of noisy" in "strongly urging" the city to improve the de Maisonneuve bike route for winter use, for example.

Like a bulldog

Personally, he said, "I can be like a bulldog that never lets go."

But "generally we work behind the scenes to try and come up with a very logical approach, but sometimes it doesn't work and you need to reach out for pressure on an issue – press coverage, for example."

On the other hand, he said, he has learned that achieving changes are always more complicated than they may appear "when you realize that engineering studies and tendering may be involved."

Through the years, Lambert has worked with city authorities, police and Public Security to educate cyclists as they go through Westmount that they are passing through not only a residential community but also a park. He was outspoken on wanting input into the city's Traffic Master

Plan and helped initiate and present an annual cycling course to educate children in safe riding and respect for other road users.

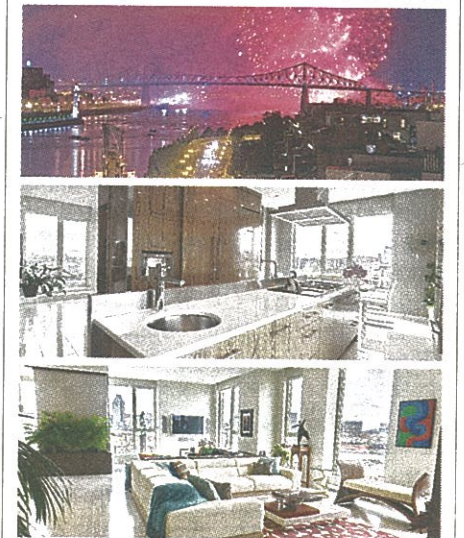
He is also a co-founder of the Association of Pedestrians and Cyclists of NDG and the spokesperson for the Montreal Bike Coalition.

A mechanical engineer from Concordia with an MBA in finance from McGill, Lambert spent many years working with Rio Tinto, travelling internationally and posted for several years in Tokyo and London before moving to Westmount in 1995. He now works as a consultant in the mining sector.

Third complaint in two weeks on Chesterfield

A teenaged resident of Chesterfield was issued a ticket May 6 after two calls had been received for a noisy party, Public Security officials said. The complaints at 10:19 pm and 11:43 pm followed a previous one April 23 (see story May 2, p. 40). Officers stayed on the scene until guests began leaving, and the noise was lowered.

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