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Election round-up

MoWest's Masella wins re-election

By Joel Goldenberg
The Suburban

Montreal West incumbent Beny Masella won a second term as mayor, after a hard fought battle with Asher Waldman, who some residents felt waged too aggressive a campaign, and Simon Phillipson.

Because of late voting and other issues, the results came in after 3 a.m. Monday.

Masella received 1,184 votes (61.4 percent) to Waldman's 613 (31.8 percent) and

Phillipson's 130 (6.7 percent).

Masella was very pleased with his victory. "It shows again that the people of Montreal West aren't interested in dirty politics, slander campaigns and misinformation," the mayor told The Suburban Monday, referring to e-mails sent by Waldman to residents in the past year. "People in Montreal West want those who are respectful and respectable, and that's who they chose. They saw the results of the last four years and they wanted to go with proven results, not somebody whose platform

is going around trying to slander and defame other people."

Waldman, on his website, said his supporters "lost this election, and the opportunity for real change."

"The Charbonneau committee showed us the way to liberate ourselves from the contractors' chokehold, however the majority of town has chosen to ignore those teachings," the candidate wrote. "Enjoy riding on broken streets, the decline in your property values, and the increased tax load."

For Seat 1, incumbent Julie Tasker-Brown won with 823 votes to John Dunn's 746 and Linda Hammerschmid's 316. For Seat 2, incumbent Elizabeth Ulin won with 1,120 votes to Sharon McCarry's 742. For Seat 3, which was vacated by Dino Mazzone, former councillor Colleen Feeney won with 1,019 votes to Julien Feldman's 576 and Peter Kerr's 299.

But in Seat 4, in an upset, Maria Torres won with 1,047 votes to incumbent Joseph McKenzie's 821 votes. ■

CSL's Goldbloom wins, incumbent council intact

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Côte St. Luc council incumbent Sam Goldbloom, running in the only race in that city, won re-election easily Sunday night.

Goldbloom, who represents District 1, came in with 491 votes, to Marissa Sidel's 112 and Stewart Wiseman's 35. Mayor Anthony Housefather and Councillors Mike Cohen, Dida Berku, Glenn Nashen, Mitchell Brownstein, Ruth Kovac, Allan Levine and Steven Erdelyi were all acclaimed.

"I'm absolutely delighted," Goldbloom told The Suburban. "I want to thank everybody, my family, my friends, my fellow councillors, and the voters. It was a tough battle, I attempted to knock on every single door because I respect people and they should have a chance to see their candidate and ask questions of

them.

"I'm very happy and overjoyed to be back for the next four years."

Goldbloom's wife Beverly and son Mark, who came in from Toronto to help his father, were on hand to share in his victory.

"For eight years, he's been answering every e-mail, every telephone call, he's really been a terrific councillor for his constituents," said Beverly Goldbloom. "He takes his job very seriously and is responsible."

Housefather congratulated Goldbloom on his "impressive victory."

"I look forward to working with him over the next term," the mayor said. "He has been a very valuable member of council over the previous eight years and I am sure he will continue to work just as hard. I would also like to congratulate Marissa Sidel for the solid campaign that she ran and the effort that she put

in, and congratulate Stewart Wiseman for becoming involved in the political process.

"I count myself very lucky to have a council team that has honesty and integrity and works

very well together and is able to reach consensus on important issues. We will all continue to work very hard to make Côte St. Luc one of the best cities in Canada to live in." ■



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