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CSL council notes

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Côte St. Luc Councillor Steven Erdelyi, in charge of the engineering and public works portfolios, reported last month that the garbage that goes to landfills from local properties continues to decrease.

“This is comparing up to the end of November for 2013 to the end of 2012,” he explained. “We’re down half a percent. This is a trend that started six years ago, since the launch of the brown bin program [for recyclable organic waste]. We continue to decrease the amount of garbage going to landfill despite the population of Côte St. Luc increasing. We’re down 26 to 28 percent over that [six-year] period.”

Erdelyi also announced that the public works department is working on expanding the brown bin program to townhouses.

“The townhouse complexes in the vicinity of Wallenberg, Freud and Cavendish are some of the first in the province of Quebec to get brown bins. This is another pilot project we’re working on and we’re hoping to continue and expand to all townhouses eventually.”

Councillor Dida Berku, in charge of the finance portfolio, reported that — as in all

other island demerged cities — the city’s budget would not be adopted this past Dec. 16 as first planned.

“We are waiting for the City of Montreal to adopt their budget or at least give us some indication what the increase in our [contribution to the island-wide agglomeration] will be for the year 2014.”

The budget will be adopted at the Jan. 20 council meeting.

“The property tax bills will still go out at the end of [December],” she said at last month’s meeting, “so that we can meet our March 1 deadline for paying our contribution to the agglomeration.”

Councillor Glenn Nashen, in charge of the public safety portfolio, reported that crime statistics in Côte St. Luc were “very, very low.”

“[Station 9] Commander Marc Cournoyer mentioned during the volunteer Citizens on Patrol event that thanks to our public safety department, our public security patrollers and our vCOP volunteers, crime was down 60 percent [in November] and cumulatively for the entire year, down by 30 percent, which is substantial and the commander pointed out that we continue to be the area with the lowest rate of crime on the island of Montreal, which is terrific testimony to all of our volunteers and staff who work very hard to keep it that way.”

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