

October 13 city council meeting highlights

Kujavsky pushes for Kirwan Park to be renovated

BY ISAAC OLSON

When a resident asked elected officials if Kirwan Park is going to be renovated next year, he was not given a “yes or no” answer during the October 13 council meeting. Instead, he was told it is a priority on Côte St. Luc’s to-do list.

Mitchell Kujavsky, a born-and-raised Côte St. Luc resident, thanked the council for supporting the recent Stroll for Kids fundraiser that was held in Rembrandt Park on September 25. He said organizers reviewed several of the city’s parks before selecting Rembrandt. He said he would like to see Kirwan Park as an option for planning such events in the future and he asked if there are plans to renovate it at all.

“I know there were plans to renovate Kirwan Park, which currently looks like the victim of aerial bombings,” said Kujavsky, noting Trudeau Park is being renovated instead. “Are there plans to renovate Kirwan Park next year?”

The park is located near the Meadowbrook Golf Course at the corner of Blossom Ave. and Mackle Rd.



Mitchell Kujavsky addresses the council on October 13.

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Brownstein said it is definitely on the city’s list of parks that needs to be renovated. The city is approaching “budget season” and Kirwan Park will be discussed. The park is a priority, he said, but more

details will be released once they are available.

Westminster underpass officially completed

Councillor Steven Erdleyi announced that the Westminster Ave. underpass, just north of Côte St. Luc Rd., has been fully renovated, as have the stairs leading down to it on both sides. The project was completed about two weeks late, but it is done with a new railing, repaired concrete and a fresh coat of paint. *See p. 1 for photo.*

Kovac updates public on Quartier Cavendish development

The housing development just south of the Quartier Cavendish (Cavendish Mall) now has 68 completed townhouses and along with 16 semi-detached homes, according to Councillor Ruth Kovac. There are 31 single-family homes, 24 are completed and one lot waiting to be approved. Concrete has been poured for the mixed-use building going up on The Avenue, she said, and hopefully the soil that has been piled up on the Parkhaven Ave. construc-

tion site will soon be trucked back to seal in the foundation.

City preparing construction plans for parking lot behind city hall/library

Plans to renovate the city hall/library parking lot have been approved and the next step is to prepare the tender documents, said Kovac, to ensure the project’s quality. The work will be completed in 2017 after the completion of the library’s envelope.

National Teen Driver Safety Week proclaimed

Councillors approved an official motion acknowledging October 16-22 as National Teen Driver Safety Week. Councillor Allan Levine noted car accidents are a leading cause of teen death. Levine alleged that teens tend to drink a little too much, drive faster, take risks and use their phones more while behind the wheel.

“The ‘I’ in iPhone is not just the I in yourself,” said Levine. “You’ve gotta keep your eyes on the road and don’t use your iPhone while driving.”

City asks Quebec government for special permission to trap coyotes

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There have been coyote sightings in the city and now Côte St. Luc is asking the provincial government for special permission to trap the beasts before the October 25 hunting season gets under way.

According to information published on Côte St. Luc’s website, there was a sighting behind homes on Holland Rd. near the railway tracks. Typically, it states, coyotes are present along the gullies next to track and Canadian Pacific (CP) has a program in place to trap coyotes, but that only starts October 25 with the province’s hunting season.

If the city gets permission to trap coyotes before the start of the season, trappers will be hired immediately to trap and relocate the animals.

City purchases first electric vehicle

After taxes and a government rebate, Côte St. Luc has bought its first electric vehicle for \$32,490.64, according to Councillor Glenn Nashen’s blog.

It is a Kia Soul, an SUV-style electric vehicle with four doors and room for five passengers.

Nashen states that he has been pushing for such a purchase for some time and he

Until then, there are safety precautions people can take:

- Remove brush piles and eliminate areas that may be perceived as a resting place or den,
- Don’t feed coyotes by ensuring all food stuffs, garbage, bird feed, pet food, is inaccessible and pick up fruit that has fallen from trees,
- Keep pets attended and on a leash. Cats should not be allowed to roam freely,
- Do not turn your back on or run from a coyote. Stand tall, wave your arms and make noise.

Lastly, the website notes, the coyotes are “more scared of us than we are of them.” It also notes that the risk to humans is low, coyotes typically don’t feed on trash or pets and they stick to their natural diets of wild game, rodents, invertebrates and,

thanked councillors Steven Erdleyi and Dida Berku for their support as well as Public Works director Beatrice Newman. A charging station will be installed at the Public Works facility and at the Aquatic Community Centre.

“I was particularly proud to move this resolution at this week’s public council meeting,” he states.



This image shows where the fence dividing a private property from the railroad tracks was cut. Public Works is repairing in an attempt to keep the coyotes out.

Photo courtesy of the city of Côte St. Luc.

occasionally, fruits.

It also contends that coyotes can be a benefit as they can control problematic urban wildlife.

According to city spokesperson Darryl Levine, the city, as of October 20, is still waiting for the permit. It is, he said, working with provincial legislator David Brinbaum’s office to get it.

In the meantime, he explained, city officials have visited the affected property this week and met with the resident. Public Works employees noticed a few places where the CP fence had been cut, which may be where the animals were entering the private property. City workers, he said, will be patching the fence in an attempt to keep the coyotes out.