

# Around the Towns

## CSL LIBRARY'S OUTDOOR CONCERT

Côte St. Luc's Eleanor London Library announced that The Swingtown Sinners Outdoor Concert will take place Sunday Aug. 29 at 4 p.m. "Come enjoy the big-band sounds of Montreal's own The Swingtown Sinners outside in the Ashkelon Gardens, behind the library," says an announcement. Admission is free, and "in the event of rain, the concert will be held indoors. A limited number of rain passes will be available as of 3 p.m. on the day of the concert with a limit of one per person." The library is located at 5851 Cavendish Blvd. "To confirm concert details an information hotline (514-485-6900, ext. 5501) will be available the day of the concert (Sunday, Aug. 29 as of 2 p.m.) with up-to-date concert information."

## ID TAGS ON CSL STREET POLES

Côte St. Luc announced that it has completed a two-year project to "catalogue and place a visible identification tag on street light poles on city streets, which allows residents to report the exact location of faulty lights.

"Previously, a resident who reported a faulty light could only give us the nearest address as a reference point," Mayor Anthony Housefather said. "Often when the electrician arrived on site during the day to repair the light, he wouldn't know for certain which one was the faulty one because the lights are turned off during the day. Thanks to the new identification tag, we can receive more precise information, which speeds up the process." A city announcement pointed out that "apart from making it easier to repair faulty lights, the city can now track the performance of every street light in a database.

"We will now be able to track when each light was installed, when it last received maintenance, how much electricity it consumes, and much more," said Councillor Steven Erdelyi, the council member responsible for public works and engineering. "All this information will enable us to compile statistics that will allow us to make improvements in a quicker and more efficient manner." The second phase of the project will see the city tagging street lights in city parks. "Residents can report faulty street lights by calling the Public Works Department at 514-485-6868 or by sending an e-mail message to [info@cotesaintluc.org](mailto:info@cotesaintluc.org) and referring to the identification tag number," says an advisory.

## HAMPSTEAD ROAD CLOSURE

Hampstead has announced that Queen Mary Road between Dufferin and Finchley roads will be closed for a total of eight weeks. "Hydro-Québec will be excavating on Queen Mary between Dufferin and Finchley starting Tuesday, Aug. 24 (yesterday), in order to upgrade an electrical chamber," says an advisory. "The two eastbound lanes will be closed on this stretch of road. Eastbound traffic will be diverted onto other streets around the work site.

"Work will be carried out on weekdays only, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., for an estimated period of eight weeks. However, no work will take place on the following days: Sept. 8 to 10, Sept. 17

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agreement could see a substantial increase in the 20 percent of Canada's international trade that now takes place with the EU.

The pact could be signed by the end of 2011. A key element that Van Loan is proud of is that all provincial governments have been working with the Federal government at every stage of the process. Regional considerations and imperatives are dealt with at every stage of negotiations.

Given that our exports are heavily resource-based with some 70 percent going to the United States, Van Loan stressed how important it was that the Harper administration succeeded in negotiating a waiver for Canada from the "buy American" provisions included in the American domestic stimulus program of last year. It will allow for the seamless natural growth of all Canadian industrial sectors in their business relationships with our southern neighbor.

On China, Van Loan stressed vigorously that as important as that market is, the Harper government will continue to hold basic Canadian — indeed universal — values of civility and decency paramount. The govern-

ment and its Ministers will not hesitate to advocate for broadened human rights and the protection of dissidents and minorities. Additionally, he made clear that the government expects a level of equity in Canadian-Chinese trade relations, particularly in regard to any protectionist challenges that may arise. The Minister pointed out that China is very well aware of the importance of the Canadian market since China exports to us four times as much as we do to China.

Van Loan also spoke very optimistically about India's growing importance as a trading partner. He emphasized that "India and Canada have many advantages and commonalities such as language, Commonwealth heritage and a similar legal system."

The government began work, after the G-20 summit in Toronto, towards the implementation of a "comprehensive economic trade agreement" between Canada and India. As well, work is ongoing toward encouraging "the use of labour back and forth between the two countries," Van Loan said.

On Canadians' general outlook on what role they want the government to play in their economic lives, the Minister noted, that during his visits

around the country he senses a shift in economic thinking, particularly among younger Canadians. "The younger generation have a different outlook as today's economic realities are a lot different from other generations," said Van Loan. "They look less to the state for help and are a lot more self-reliant. They do not expect the government to provide them with everything."

Van Loan was upbeat about Canada's long-term economic future considering that Canada has the lowest deficit of any G-8 country, the lowest business taxes "and the strongest GDP growth that, according to the IMF, is projected to continue."

The minister also highlighted the country's overall work skills as superior and that Canada boasts the highest percentage of citizens who have post-graduate degrees. "Because investors are beginning to see signs of recovery (from the global recession) they are willing to invest and Canada is seen as a great place to do business and also to live with its safe streets, good health care and sound educational system. Many international workers who come to Canada on a temporary basis chose to stay here," said Van Loan. ■

## Busy two months for police in St. Laurent

By Joel Goldenberg  
The Suburban

Eighty-nine individuals were arrested and transferred to the Montreal detention centre as a result of cases pursued by Station 7, says the May-June 2010 bi-monthly report by the St. Laurent-based police station.

The report points out that because of the integration of the M-IRIS information system, an analysis of crimes in the area cannot be revealed. However, police say that several arrests were made during the two-month period for fraud, drug possession, thefts of materials as well as cars.

"During this period, a taxi driver was the victim of an attempted murder in the context of an attempted theft which had gone wrong," the report says. "The

team at Station 7, helped by those in charge of investigations, proceeded with the arrest and charging of the main suspect in this incident."

Other facts in the report:

- Police spent 1,871 hours patrolling on foot in the borough during May and June, with 1,246 specifically at the [Côte Vertu and Du Collège] metro stations.

- Two police officers were on bike patrol during the summer season, as well as eight police cadets who helped patrol the territory. The



cadets' mandate was to interact with residents, and encourage prevention with pedestrians, store owners and users of various parks.

- Accidents declined 15.4 percent compared to May and June of 2009, and accidents involving injuries went down 15 percent.

- There were also operations against drunk driving earlier this year, and traffic and socio-community officers took part with local students in many bicycle accident prevention campaigns, as well as anti-drug campaigns.

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