

NEWS & ANALYSIS

# Stars of David back up at Westmount Metro store



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Three Stars of David have been reinstated on a Passover display at the Metro supermarket in Westmount, after having been taken down due to a complaint from a customer.

The customer claimed that the Star of David's presence was "propaganda" and inflamed the issue by sending it to the French media, according to media reports. Head office had ordered the Stars

of David be removed. But after much reaction from the Montreal community, they have been reinstated.

Franchise owner Graham Fletcher, who is well regarded in the Westmount community, regretted that the Stars of David were taken down.

"I'm happy to say that they're back up and everything is back to normal," Fletcher told *The Suburban* Monday. "All three are back up."

Fletcher pointed out that the issue of the presence of the Stars of David got to

the French media, and the next thing he knew, he was called by people who told him he was on the news.

"I guess head office reacted to that and some calls they got," the franchise owner

added.

According to media reports, Metro head office spokespeople apologized and admitted a mistake had been made in removing the Stars of David. ■

# Cavendish Mall road infrastructure register tomorrow

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A register is being held tomorrow at Côte St. Luc city hall, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 14, on plans for the infrastructure and roadwork for the Cavendish Mall site housing project.

Côte St. Luc is funding a third of the costs of major streets and improvements for the project. The city is spending \$1.4 million of a total \$7 million, while a further \$1.6 million that the city will borrow will be paid back over 15 years or sooner by the mall. The rest is being paid for by the developer of the project.

Mayor Anthony Housefather, who with most of the rest of council supports the plans in general, including the financing, urged residents not to sign the register.

"[The project] is an asset to the city and the city negotiated a very fair deal in terms of the cost and we would encourage people not to sign the register," the mayor said. "We think this deal is important for the future of Côte St. Luc."

Councillor Allan Levine, who opposes the city borrowing the money, encouraged residents to sign the register "to object and show their displeasure." Councillor Steven Erdelyi opposes the plan for environmental reasons. ■

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