



# Harvest festival

On September 23, Rabbi Levi Raskin, of the Côte St. Luc Beth Chabad, spoke with Bialik High School students about the ceremonies surrounding the holiday of Sukkot. Addressing the students in the school's sukkah, which is a temporary, roofless structure constructed for use during the week-long Jewish festival, he explained the lulav, which is a bunch of willow, palm and myrtle branches, and the etrog, which is a citrus fruit grown in Israel. The lulav and the etrog are used in various ceremonies and prayers during the holiday of Sukkot, which commemorates the 40-year period during which the Jews wandered in the desert, living in temporary shelters. Agriculturally, Sukkot is a harvest festival.

Photo: Isaac Olson

# CSL approves snow contracts

BY ISAAC OLSON

Without any major changes to the way it handles clearing away winter's snowy offerings, Côte St. Luc council approved the new contracts for the next three seasons during a special September 23 meeting.

As it has in the past, the city's Public Works department will be working in tandem with private contractors to clear and remove snow from city streets this winter. While snow is removed from major streets, it is blown onto residents' front yards on most side streets.

CMS Entrepreneurs Généraux inc. will be covering the Category 1 contract, which includes main streets like the north side of Côte St. Luc Rd., Kildare Rd. and Cavendish Blvd., to a maximum of 239 centimeters.

The total cost for three seasons totals just under \$2.2 million.

A total of \$894,430 has been authorized for Category 2, which includes secondary streets up to 239 centimeters. Les Entreprises Canbec Construction Inc. as the lowest bidder was awarded the contract for three snow seasons.

Councillor Steven Erdelyi said this contract includes streets like Kellert and Shalom avenues.

Mayor Anthony Housefather said this contract is actually cheaper this year. Les Entreprises Canbec Construction Inc. also took Category 3, which includes dead-ends, sidewalks and shovelling out bus stops for up to 239 centimeters for three seasons.

The contract will cost taxpayers just over \$343,754.

The 239 centimeters of snowfall, which ranges from fall in one year to spring in the next, is just a guideline.

Payment for 160 centimeters per snow season is guaranteed, but that is conditional upon the contractor being available and performing the work, according to information provided by a city spokesperson.

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