Summit Woods, Westmount’s crowning glory, is gaining ground

March 2016,

Dear Fellow Citizen,

I am happy to announce that the City of Westmount is proceeding with a project that will join Summit Woods to the parkland to the north by the simple expedient of removing the roadway that divides them. This road, which was part of Summit Circle, has been closed to traffic since 2009. We are removing a whole acre of asphalt and adding over half an acre of forest – including 75 new indigenous trees.

Not only will the crumbling roadway, the signposts, and the guard rails be gone, but Summit Woods will be knitted together with kindred green-space. (See the before-and-after drawings below and on the following pages.) Instead of a road, there will be a gravelled winding footpath. This delicate transformation will increase the area of our contiguous natural park at the Summit from 30 to 50 acres.

A government grant will pay for one-half the cost of the project. This means that it will cost Westmount taxpayers approximately $400,000 – which is $600,000 less than it would cost to rebuild this section of roadway for vehicles. And we will also save the $10,000 a year that the road used to cost us in upkeep. For more information, please go to our website at westmount.org.

We hope you are as enthusiastic about this transformation as we are. For your City Council, the Summit always comes out on top.

Yours very truly,

Peter F. Trent,
Mayor
Rue Oakland
Oakland Ave

VERS RIDGEWOOD
Towards Ridgewood

ZONE GAZONÉE OU EN PRAIRIE: 3705m²
Grass or meadow area

ASPHALTE À ENLEVER
Asphalt to be removed

Summit Circle

EXISTANT
Existing

Rue Oakland
Oakland Ave

VERS RIDGEWOOD
Towards Ridgewood

ZONE REBOISÉE,
arbres, arbustes et herbacées indigènes: 4870m²
Reforested area, indigenous trees, shrubs and grasses

CHEMIN DE GRAVIER
Gravel pathway

Point de vue
vers le Mont-Royal
Lookout
towards Mount Royal

Summit Circle

PROPOSÉ
Proposed