



'Tis the season



**MAGDOR**

JOAILLIER DIAMANTAIRE  
OFFICIAL DISTRIBUTOR OF CANADIAN DIAMONDS



484 BOUL. BEACONSFIELD, BEACONSFIELD, H9W 4C4 • (514) 694-3395 • WWW.MAGDOR.COM

NEW ICU DIRECTIVES DISCRIMINATE AGAINST THOSE MOST NEEDING CARE..A17

# WEST ISLAND The Suburban

DECEMBER 9, 2020

QUEBEC'S LARGEST ENGLISH WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

## CDN/NDG anti-corruption audit demands tighter oversight

By Joel Ceausu  
The Suburban

The anti-corruption management audit ordered by Côte des Neiges-Notre Dame de Grâce Borough Mayor Sue Montgomery is complete.

Meant to articulate what the borough needs to meet the ISO 37001 international anti-bribery management standards, the 55-page report by Gestion Jean Bourdeau acknowledges changes have been implemented to clean up the city's contracting and acquisitions processes since the Charbonneau Commission, but there are lapses, and measures only partially present or missing.

For example, there is no dedicated person or anti-corruption training in place, only internal audits by the city centre, nor is there an actual clear anti-corruption policy per se, she told *The Suburban*. "That sort of piqued my interest in the audit." There are conflict of interest, ethics and other measures, but no single articulated anti-corruption policy, or specific management review, other than normal yearly reviews and in the event that a specific complaint is made.

"At the end of the day I am responsible for \$70 million of taxpayers' money," says Montgomery, "and part of that responsibility is making sure that it's spent properly and responsibly."

See ANTI-CORRUPTION, page A23



**SUBURBAN EXCLUSIVE**

## Quebec Health Ministry report raises spectre of health-care "prioritization"

By Beryl Wajzman, Editor  
The Suburban

The *Suburban* has obtained a copy of a protocol issued in the name of the assistant deputy Minister of Health of Quebec Dr. Lucie Opatrny on Nov. 2 concerning the "prioritization" of access to intensive care for adults in the context of an "extreme pandemic." Both its assumptions and recommendations are dramatic and troubling as they raise the spectre of selection and rationing of health care.

The Protocol is entitled "Priorisation pour l'accès aux soins intensifs (adultes) en contexte extrême de pandémie." *The Suburban* has sent e-mailed a series of written questions on what you will read below to appropriate government officials. No answer has been received by press time.

Among the more disturbing aspects of this report are the following: 1. some 41 medical and academic personnel were

See HEALTH, page A22



## Legault cancels Christmas gatherings

By Joel Goldenberg  
The Suburban

Christmas gatherings with people from other households will not be allowed in Quebec's red zones, including the Montreal area, Premier François Legault announced Thursday.

"This is a governmental decision, not one made by Public Health, but Public Health is in agreement," he said. "It's not a good idea to get together, the virus present in every region of Quebec... This year, it will be a very quiet Christmas."

This is a reversal of the Premier's previous announcement that gatherings of up to 10 people would be allowed on two days between Dec. 24 and 27, and that Quebecers would be expected to honour a moral contract to isolate themselves a week before and after those dates.

Legault told Thursday's press conference that the situation in hospitals is

See CHRISTMAS, page A15



**SAINT-LAURENT**  
HYUNDAI

100 Montpellier Blvd • 514 748-0100  
Place Vertu Mall • 514 335-7068

StLaurentHyundai.com



Lease the Essential manual for:

**\$55** for **48** months  
weekly (208 weeks)  
with \$1,395 down

Cash price

**\$20,438**

See details in Dealership. Follow-us on Facebook and enter our contests facebook.com/Saintlaurenthundai