

So much done, so much still to do, she says

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In running for a third term on city council for District 8, Councillor Kathleen Kez told the *Independent* September 2 that no matter what is decided at the special council session September 18 on the proposed approval for development of the southeast, she wants to be there “every step of the way.” (This vote has been delayed from September 8.)

This is “to ensure that the development does not lose momentum and that the plan is the best it can be, respects the sector and enhances the quality of life for both existing and future residents,” she explained. “We must get it right.”

It is also “important to recognize that in the summer months, temperatures in the southeast sector are above those found in other areas of Westmount. For this reason, I will continue to push for as much green space and tree canopy as possible to be incorporated into re-development of the area.”

District 8 is the most southeasterly section of Westmount located approximately between de Maisonneuve St. south to the city limits with St. Henri and to the east of Clarke and Hallowell.



Kathleen Kez on the corner of Gladstone and Dorchester on September 3. PHOTO: RALPH THOMPSON.

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Finance and Public Security

Kez, a tax accountant by profession, served as finance commissioner in her first council term before assuming the current commissionership in public safety but remaining on the city's finance and admin-

istration (F&A) committee. She also has been volunteering at the Resilience Montreal day shelter at St. Catherine and Atwater.

She lists some of the improvements in her district during her current mandate as the re-paving of the Dorchester-Clandeboye lane, securing the eventual re-establishment of Selby Park, maintaining waste collection in lanes and installing a speed bump on Olivier.

Others are the removal of "out-dated" parking signage, dismantling of the tunnel structure on Weredale Park road, planting six new trees on the Dorchester median and securing a commitment from the MTQ (Quebec transport ministry) to continue cleaning their structures twice a year.

Prioritize basics

Looking forward, "we need to prioritize and fix the basics," she maintains. Among the ongoing challenges are the "visual revamp" of St. Catherine St. and surrounding area, as well as "the [actual] return of Selby Park."

Others include traffic-calming measures and repairs to roads and lanes, and the need for resident-only parking zones "on many of our residential streets."

"I hope residents will give me the opportunity to continue my efforts in making District 8 a wonderful place to live."

She has set up a website at kathleenkez.ca.