Character Area 9
Rosemount

It is in this area, which has been described as "The Cradle of Westmount," where the idea of the independent village probably originated (around 1874). The presence of several exceptional late 19th and early 20th Century houses, the predominance of the natural landscape, the low density, and the considerable street setbacks on Rosemount and Montrose make this area one of the most desirable in Westmount.

List of Building Addresses with Categories

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KEY MAP
Area Heritage Value: MCE
Degree of Homogeneity: MEDIUM
Defining characteristics of Character Area 9

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The following are some of the key defining characteristics applying to the whole area.

Use and typology: All buildings are either detached (55%) or semi-detached (44%) single family houses.

Heights and frontages: Almost all buildings are two (53%) or two-and-a-half (36%) storeys high (except on Mount Pleasant and Mountain Avenues). Generally, the building frontages for semi-detached houses are 6.5 - 8.5 m wide, while for the detached ones, they are 10.0 - 15.0 m wide.

Roofs: Almost all buildings have either true or decorative sloped roofs (pavilion, mansard, side or front gable, multi-gable, false mansard, etc) and are generally of substantial pitch. These are almost always articulated by gable projections, dormers, and/or brick chimney stacks.

Facade materials: The facades are generally in brick, the remainder are mostly in rusticated greystone. Several stucco houses are also present.

Entrances conditions: The entrances are almost always at the front, the heights of which vary considerably. They are reached by steps, either attached to the main building or part of the landscaping where embankments occur (Severn, Rosemount Crescent).

Facade treatments: The facades are generally articulated by bay windows, wall protrusions as well as wooden porticos and portals. Decorative features such as dentilled eaves and cornices, brick patterns and corbelling, stone inlays, mouldings and carvings are generally present.

Windows: Windows are almost always vertical although the openings are generally horizontally proportioned and accommodate two or more windows.

Parking: All properties have on-site parking, almost always at the rear, in garages which are reached either from the front or the rear (see Rosemount Avenue).

The following are defining characteristics of specific streetscapes in addition to those of the whole character area unless otherwise noted.

Rosemount: All buildings are parallel to the street. On the east side they are virtually all at least 14.0 m from the streetline and on the west side almost three-quarters are at least 15.5 m from the streetline, thus creating on each side a wide corridor of green space delineated by hedges at the street. There is almost no car entry from the street as all lots extend to other streets which provide access to garages and parking spaces.

Mount Pleasant and Mountain Avenues below Rosemount Crescent: The buildings are garages (generally one storey high) and the backs of houses fronting on Rosemount Avenue.

Rosemount Cresc., south side: houses with sloped roofs slid close to the street.

Rosemount Ave.: large setbacks, greenery, and hedges at the front.