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Don Mills Traffic Folly

The text shown below is a comment provided to us by a local expert in response to our recent post, [Gridlock Warning for Don Mills](#). The comment sheds further light on the expected gridlock conditions for the area:

Warnings for gridlock conditions issued by councillors are a cover-up for shortsighted decisions made by previous councillors. Because councillors do not heed opinions expressed by the people living in the area, the results will be gridlock conditions. Our councillor will be out of office before he can experience the folly made in terms of the Don Mills core area. Even without the proposed skyscrapers, Don Mills already experiences gridlock conditions for the following reasons:

- We have only one set of major thoroughfares: Don Mills Road and Lawrence Avenue East, concentrating all traffic on these two roads. According to traffic experts, the intersection of these two roads already carries more traffic than it was designed for.
- Don Mills was designed on a socio-ecological road network in which residential loops and cul-de-sacs keep unwanted traffic out. Traffic is routed along The Donway and only later disburses onto the major roads. Most other Toronto areas are based on a military grid pattern where every road can be used as a through road. The military grid seems to be the only criteria that councillors have on their minds.

Sadly, the city no longer has "Hans Blumenfeld" city planners.

Sincerely,
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