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Gridlock Warning for Don Mills

An article in the May 7, 2008, edition of the Toronto Star titled [Gridlock Warnings Urged for Condo Buyers](#) reports on a recent decision by North York councillors to provide a traffic gridlock warning to potential condo purchasers in the Yonge Street and Sheppard Avenue area.

In Don Mills, we can similarly expect traffic gridlock with Cadillac Fairview's new commercial and residential developments on the Don Mills Centre property. Combined with greater traffic flow from the planned Islamic centre on Wynford Drive, as well as all the other condos that are being built in that area, there will be even more congestion on our already busy roads and intersections. We recently received a complaint from a resident who had observed that far too many trucks and speeding cars and motorcycles were travelling along The Donway West. He suggested more police surveillance, as well as signs prohibiting trucks and non-local traffic. We know that it will only get worse.

75 The Donway West

In addition, with the expected influx of new residents to the area, one can't help but wonder what will happen if we lose the concentration of essential medical services at our medical building at 75 The Donway West, which Cadillac Fairview plans to convert to condominium residences. Such plans seem to defy all logic, as Don Mills residents will need their doctors, dentists, and other practitioners more than ever. Surely, there must be a better way to provide additional residences for seniors than to break up the medical services and facilities that have served the community so well for so long.

Folks, it won't get any better if we don't emphatically tell our friends at City Hall that we don't like these plans and won't re-elect them unless they truly represent our interests with respect to these developments. Here is how you can contact them:

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