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Inaccurate and misleading information in the March DMRI newsletter; correct facts by Councillor Minnan-Wong and City Planning

Certain sections of the March DMRI newsletter relating to the Don Mills Centre redevelopment featured inaccurate and misleading information which requires correction. For instance, as can be read on page 2 of [this DMRI newsletter excerpt](#), it is stated that the old Don Mills Secondary Plan is not part of the new City of Toronto Official Plan because it had been appealed by Cadillac Fairview to the OMB. However, as [this response from Councillor Minnan-Wong](#) shows, this is incorrect. The [Central Don Mills Secondary Plan](#) is part of the new Toronto Official Plan and is contained in Chapter Six, Part 24. As the councillor's letter further states, the policies of the "new" Central Don Mills Secondary Plan are virtually identical to those of the "old," which was part of the North York Official Plan, and the density and height policies are generally unchanged. The [Staff Report](#) prepared by the Director, Community Planning, North York, which recommended rejection of the application, was based on the Secondary Plan. Please read [Councillor Minnan-Wong's entire letter](#) for additional details on this issue and correction of other inaccurate and misleading information in the DMRI newsletter.

There are several additional inaccuracies in the DMRI newsletter that are almost comical, for instance the reference to Don Mills Friends by an old name that we haven't actively used in years, and the omission of the fact that Don Mills Friends withdrew as a Party to the OMB because our representative had signed the settlement without our agreement.

It is indeed unfortunate that the DMRI communicates such inaccurate and misleading information on matters concerning an important development for the community.

"You may fool all the people some of the time; you can even fool some of the people all the time, but you can't fool all people all the time." ~Abraham Lincoln

OMB Hearing May 4

Several Don Mills residents recently received a Notice for the OMB Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, May 4, at 10:00 a.m. You can read the full notice on our website by clicking [here](#). Take a look at pages 3 and 4 of the document, which consist of a memorandum of an oral decision delivered by the board member on March 10, 2010, and see if you agree that there was wide public consultation on the matter and that the local residents are satisfied with the changes made and the settlement reached. As you will see on page 2 of the document, any individual or organization intending to appear at the hearing needs to advise the city in writing by April 23, 2010.

Town Crier Letters to the Editor

In case you've missed the Don Mills Friends letters to the editor in the April issue of the Town Crier, you can read a scanned copy by clicking [here](#).

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