

North York Community Council Meeting Notes and Reminder: September 15, 2009, 2:30 p.m.

For details regarding this meeting, please see our recent communication posted on our website at

http://donmillsfriends.org/News/NYCC_Meeting_September_15_2009.pdf.

[Click here](#) to read the text of the presentation that will be made by our resident planning expert on behalf of Don Mills Friends.

It has come to our attention that the Don Mills Residents Inc. (DMRI) has circulated a memorandum requesting the community's support for Cadillac Fairview's application and asking residents to request councillors to vote in favour of it, thus opposing [City Staff Recommendations](#), in order to secure Cadillac Fairview's commitment to provide 2010 funds of \$17 million for the construction of a community centre under an agreement made between the DMRI and Cadillac Fairview. The memorandum mentions that the details of the agreement were circulated to the whole community and were endorsed by "nearly 90% of those who replied to a questionnaire."

Many Don Mills residents, including DMRI members, have told us that they never received this questionnaire. Also, contemplate the meaning of "nearly 90% of those who replied." An undefined "nearly 90%" could be four out of five replies, for instance, because no numbers are provided.

We have heard from several Don Mills residents who have written to Councillor Jenkins and other area councillors in response to this memorandum. [Click here](#) to read one resident's letter.

As far as the community centre is concerned, we encourage you to ask questions, such as whether it will be accessible without charge or whether there will be access fees. Also consider the price we are paying, and have already paid, i.e., losing our indoor mall and with it most of our services, the prospect of increased traffic and highrise buildings (a maximum of 8 storeys is allowed under the Central Don Mills Secondary Plan). We are also about to lose the concentrated medical services offered at our medical building at 75 The Donway West. [Click here](#) to read an important letter written by Jeanetta Vickers on this topic to Don Mills area councillors.

As will be pointed out in our [presentation to council](#), "the effect of private recreational space for the community is well known. Remember the landmark dome, the bowling alley, the theatre, and the pedestrian spaces of the Don Mills Centre mall? Where are they today? The planned private recreational facilities offered are too well hidden, without adequate parking, too small, and access is obscured."

Don Mills Optical Frame Show September 24th

Don Mills Optical will be hosting a show featuring the latest in designer brand frames and sunglasses on Thursday, September 24, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at their store at 170 The Donway West. [Click here](#) to see their invitation to Don Mills residents or call them at 416-449-9619 for further information.

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