

## Toronto City Council Meeting September 30 and October 1, 2009

At the Toronto City Council meeting today, September 30, and tomorrow, October 1, 2009, the mayor and all 44 City Councillors will be asked to consider and vote on Cadillac Fairview's Settlement Proposal for Phase Two of the Don Mills Centre redevelopment application, tabled at the September 15 North York Council Meeting.

The agenda for City Council's September 30 meeting can be found online at <http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cc/agendas/2009-09-30-cc40-ar.pdf>. The details of the Don Mills Centre agenda item may be read at <http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ny/reports/2009-09-15-ny27-cr.pdf>. On p. 18 of this document, scroll down to item NY27.54, where you'll see "Status Report and Request for Direction Report - OPA & Rezoning Applications - 939 Lawrence Ave. E., 1090 Don Mills Rd., 49 & 75 The Donway W."

The next page has the "Committee Recommendations," "Decision Advice and Other Information," "Summary," "Background Information," and "Communications," etc., as well as a list of all the speakers from the September 15th North York Community Council Meeting, etc.

Under "**Committee Recommendations**," point 2, where we can see the North York Community Council recommendation that, "Should City Council adopt the Settlement Offer, the following additional actions be taken," the following 3 points (in sequence, but incomplete list) seem particularly interesting:

- c. the Director, Community Planning, North York District, be directed to survey medical practitioners and other medical service providers currently located at 75 The Donway [sic] and generally within the Don Mills Secondary Plan area to determine interest in re-locating within the commercial space of the Don Mills Centre;
- d. the applicant be requested to continue its efforts to create tenancies for medical practitioners and medical service providers within the Don Mills Centre in consultation with the Ward Councillor;
- f. the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division, in consultation with necessary City staff and the Ward Councillor, be directed to explore with the applicant the potential for providing a combined community centre and twin-pad arena within the Don Mills Centre, and to report thereon to the North York Community Council.

And under "**Decision Advice and Other Information**":

North York Community Council indicated its interest in achieving a settlement and requested the City Manager, in consultation with the City Solicitor, the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division, to report to the next meeting of City Council on September 30 and October 1, 2009, on the Settlement Offer dated September 10, 2009, from Davies Howe Partners.

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**This indicates how uncertain and "up in the air" everything is. It is also disturbing that, considering the magnitude of the issues at hand, Don Mills residents will not even have seen the report that is to go to City Council on September 30.**

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At Ward 34 Councillor Minnan-Wong's public information session this past Monday, September 28, DMRI and Better Living supporters aggressively advocated the blanket acceptance of Cadillac Fairview's offer, launching vocal and unfair personal attacks on the councillor, who made a sincere and democratic effort to inform his constituents of the issues involved, as well as of the reasons why the City's professional planning staff (who also presented at the meeting) expressed concerns and reservations about the application in its [Staff Report](#). The DMRI also sent out e-mail messages urging residents to appeal to Mayor Miller to support the application regardless of the building heights and densities proposed. It is mind-boggling that they would do this when on their website homepage, [www.dmri.ca](http://www.dmri.ca), one of their objectives is given as "Monitoring developments that are either proposed, or in progress in Don Mills to ensure that they are consistent with the character of the community."

[Click here](#) to read our letter to the members of City Council.

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