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Don Mills Shoe Repair evicted from Don Mills Centre location

An Absence of Heart and Soul:

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Don Mills Quality Shoe Repair, a Don Mills Centre merchant for 53 years, which has been operating out of a temporary location in the Royal Bank building at 1090 Don Mills Road since the mall demolition in 2006, has been told to vacate its premises at the end of June by its landlord, Cadillac Fairview.

Three years ago, when the Don Mills Centre was demolished, the business had one-and-a-half years left on its lease and could have legally taken action against Cadillac Fairview for breaking this lease. However, based on the hope that he might be offered a location in the new mall, which Cadillac Fairview neither confirmed nor denied, the owner, Kamran Razaghipour, agreed to operate from a temporary location in the Royal Bank building without a lease. Practically invisible as a store deep at the back of the building's ground floor, and very difficult to access during the time of construction, Kamran struggled to keep his business afloat during the past three years, holding out hope for better times in the new mall.

But Cadillac Fairview presented Kamran with 60 days' notice at the beginning of May, stating that it wants no service businesses in The Shops at Don Mills, and that his store was not making enough money. With this, the developer is cruelly pulling the plug on one of the last services remaining of the old Don Mills Centre. It is just one more example of Cadillac Fairview's extreme lack of consideration for the former Don Mills Centre merchants and the community that relied on these services.

Upcoming Council Meetings

The North York Council Meeting at which Cadillac Fairview's application for Phase Two of the Don Mills Centre redevelopment will be heard has been rescheduled for Tuesday, June 23. Click [here](#) for details. An agenda will apparently be made available online the week of June 8.

The matter will then go to City Council on July 6 and 7.

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