

## The Dust Still Blows in Don Mills

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A third winter season without central shopping facilities in Don Mills is approaching, and once again, we must travel by car, bus, or cab to distant shopping destinations to do our holiday shopping.

Although obviously behind schedule, the buildings for the "Shops at Don Mills" are sprouting up on the Don Mills Centre site, and after nearly three years without our mall, most of us would be happy to see a few stores---any stores at this point would be better than none! Along comes the news of a planned Artevo Art Gallery opening here in April 2009---a huge 2,400 sq.ft. gallery ([click here](#) to read about it). I don't know about you, but that's not the kind of store many of us were hoping for, nor one that we believe will serve the greater Don Mills community with any of the essential, useful goods and services that were taken from us with the closing of our mall.

And if you're tired of all the traffic chaos in Don Mills and the construction dust and dirt that are constantly being blown in our faces and windows, you'll find your sentiments echoed in a letter that a longtime resident of Don Mills, who is also an experienced planning expert, wrote to Ward 25 Councillor Cliff Jenkins--[click here](#) to read it.

As 2009 approaches, one might wonder if we can take cautious hope and inspiration from a recent article in the Toronto Star that forecasts an uncertain future for condo projects. [Click here](#) to read the article. Finally, while on the subject of condos, it would be interesting to know when we can expect the public meeting that we were first told would be held in May of this year, and that was then said to be planned for September or October. It is now November, and no notice of any meeting has come to our attention.

The dust in Don Mills has yet to settle.

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