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Message from John Godfrey, M.P. for Don Valley West

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Dearest Friends of Don Mills,

I am sorry I can't be with you this evening but previous commitments in Ottawa prevent me from joining you.

I would like to offer my congratulations to Macklin Hancock, Henry Fliess and Douglas Lee, for their vision and planning which continue to make Don Mills a special community. As the first planned and fully integrated post-war community developed by private enterprise in North America, Don Mills is often said to have been the model for modern neighbourhoods and post-war suburban development in Toronto.

As we currently give greater consideration to the impact of global warming and climate change on our lives, it is very impressive to think Mr. Hancock, Mr. Fliess and Mr. Lee were so many years ahead of their time in their environmentally friendly vision for Don Mills. Their idea of a community surrounded by greenbelt with pedestrian paths leading to schools, parks and businesses, along with the integration of industry into the community allowing residents to live and work in the same area, are features which have proven to be timeless.

Congratulations to the community of Don Mills and to Macklin Hancock, Henry Fliess, Douglas Lee, urban visionaries.

Yours truly,

The Honourable John Godfrey, P.C., M.P.

