

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Toronto City Council Rejects Cadillac Fairview's Don Mills Centre Settlement Proposal

Cadillac Fairview's time-sensitive settlement offer of \$17 million in 2010 funds towards a community centre in exchange for greater density on the Don Mills Centre site was rejected by Toronto City Council on Thursday, October 1, 2009.

For those of us who attended the meeting, it was encouraging to hear a good number of councillors, who acknowledged the difficulty of the decision, speak out in favour of putting good and responsible planning ahead of decision-making based on specific benefit offers.

Council expressed the desire to continue negotiations with Cadillac Fairview to achieve a more community-friendly development that would still include the benefit of a community centre for Don Mills.

Below are the links to recent news releases on the subject:

North York Mirror: Council narrowly rejects Don Mills development, community centre plan

<http://www.insidetoronto.com/news/cityhall/article/152638--council-narrowly-rejects-don-mills-development-community-centre-plan>

CBC: Don Mills tower proposal rejected

<http://www.cbc.ca/canada/toronto/story/2009/10/02/toronto-don-tower.html>

National Post: Council rejects community-centre-for-density deal:

<http://network.nationalpost.com/np/blogs/toronto/archive/2009/10/01/council-rejects-community-centre-for-density-deal.aspx>

Thanks to all who came out in support of our cause. We would especially like to acknowledge the presence and support of Mr. Dennis Timbrell, who was a member of the original planning team that worked hard and long to formulate the Central Don Mills Secondary Plan.

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