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OMB decision gives green light to Don Mills Centre highrise towers

In a decision dated May 25, 2010, the OMB granted Cadillac Fairview the right to erect highrise condominiums, including one 24- and one 32-storey tower, as part of its Phase Two development for the Don Mills Centre. [Click here](#) to read a PDF scan of the decision document.

It is profoundly disappointing that a decision with so much impact on the neighbourhood appears to have been made without thorough study and understanding of the situation, as is evident from the OMB vice-chair's misunderstanding of the reason why our supporters appeared at the hearing, as well as the fact that she missed taking into consideration many of the [issues](#) raised by The Hon. Dennis Timbrell, including his recommendation to set the appeal aside until a review of the Central Don Mills Secondary Plan is completed.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to Mr. Timbrell for his outstanding efforts in defending the community at the OMB, as well as to Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong for consistently standing up for Don Mills and representing the true interests of the community with courage and integrity.

Thanks also to all those who took the time to join us at the OMB and/or write with expressions of support and encouragement. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

It may not be immediately apparent, but, as Mr. Timbrell pointed out, any leverage the DMRI had with Cadillac Fairview (CF) died when this decision was released. CF will be able to do just about whatever they want now. Further, when local owners of small, aged apartment buildings on the surrounding properties come forward during the Secondary Plan review with proposals of similar densities/heights, they won't have legs to stand on against further incursions. They can also but dream that they can stop home owners from updating/enlarging their single family homes.

Based on recent statistics, the DMRI represents less than three percent of the Don Mills population. It is unfortunate that an organization with such a limited membership can sign away the community's future.

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