

Stand Up Bridletowne / People Plan Toronto / Willowdale Neighbourhood AGM

Throughout the GTA, developers are tightening their grip on communities, holding neighbourhoods hostage while they forge ever greedier plans to erect their Towers of Babel all over the city.

As we know only too well, Don Mills is such a community. The Bridletowne community in the Finch/Warden area is another one. Developers there want to build 1,370 condo units on the parking lot of Bridlewood Mall. Does the number of units sound familiar? It must be a magical number for developers, as it is very close to the number of residential units planned for Don Mills. The Bridletowne community is working to achieve a modification of the development plans for a better fit for their community. You can read about their concerns and efforts at <http://www.stand-up-bridletowne.org/>.

People Plan Toronto

People Power can make a real difference, and the group [People Plan Toronto](http://peopleplantoronto.org/) is based on this concept. The following paragraph is excerpted from their website at <http://peopleplantoronto.org/>:

People Plan Toronto (PPT) started in early 2007 as an ad hoc committee comprised of representatives from a number of residents' associations across Toronto. We believe that Toronto's planning process has become unwieldy, overcomplicated, and far too removed from the citizens it is meant to serve. Our mission is to change that by helping communities understand more about the planning process and advocating for reform.

It's good to know the PPT folks are out there working to help communities who are faced with similar issues.

Willowdale Neighbourhood Association AGM, November 18, 7 pm

We have previously reported about an associated residents group, the Willowdale Neighbourhood Association, which was founded by David Slotnick in response to the redevelopment plans for [The Shops on Steeles and 404](#). The Willowdale Neighbourhood Association/Concerned Willowdale Residents will be holding their first AGM on Tuesday, November 18, at Highland J.H.S., 201 Cliffwood Rd., one traffic light south of Steeles off Don Mills Road. Registration starts at 7 p.m., with the meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. sharp. If you know anyone who lives in that area who is not yet on David Slotnick's e-mail list, they can contact David at dslotnick@rogers.com for further details about the meeting.

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