

## LETTERS

# It's resignation, not acceptance when it comes to Cadillac Fairview plan

Re: 'Redevelopment of Don Mills earns applause,' News, Jan. 18.

I was in attendance at the community meeting held by Terry West, president of the Don Mills Residents Inc., at St. Bonaventures Church and would say that while the majority of those 200 residents seemed to be in agreement with Cadillac Fairview's proposal and West's negotiations regarding the same, it was more a sense of resignation rather than acceptance.

With our covered mall and social meeting place already gone and our concentrated medical facilities at 75 The Donway West about to meet the same fate, and with a future of high-end, unaffordable, inaccessible stores, an outdoor meeting place, a concrete parking structure and highrise condominiums, not to mention more pollution and traffic congestion problems, we have little to look forward to.

But we can't fight big business, so Cadillac

Fairview's lifestyle community will go ahead as planned and we will have to live with it being there.

I would also point out that this meeting was basically held for the members of Don Mills Residents Inc. as few others were given notice it was taking place. I only found out about the meeting through a friend of a member. And I am sure that were a poll taken of the thousands of residents in the Don Mills community, few would be in favour of Cadillac Fairview's plan.

Finally, while West is to be commended for his efforts in negotiating with Cadillac Fairview, his main purpose has been to obtain the inclusion of a community centre in the Phase 2 plans rather than acquiring the provision of an enclosed mall/meeting place or in retaining our concentrated medical facilities at 75 The Donway West.

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