

Urban terrorism happening in Don Mills

Regarding the removal of several healthy trees along the Donway West and Lawrence Avenue East.

This completely unnecessary action equates to urban terrorism, and it begs the following questions:

Why was it necessary to remove these trees on the hottest days of the year along the most important walking-wheelchair-stroller route since the closing of the Don Mills Centre?

Why so many? Would it not have been enough to remove the two trees where the future road intersects with Overland Drive?

Why has urban forestry failed to find other solutions instead of permitting the removal of these trees, which have taken 25 years to reach their current size?

Do they not seem to realize how much dirt, dust, and carbon dioxide trees can absorb? And with so much dirt and dirt being generated from the demolition site, we need our trees more than ever.

The concept of Don Mills has been completely misunderstood.

The Donway has always been seen as the Champs-Élysées of Don Mills. It was recognized in the '70s, when the replanting took place on private property, that the road right-of-way could only accommodate a centre median for large trees, the automobile lanes, the sidewalk and a bicycle lane on either side.

Corporate memory fades quickly, and it has become painfully obvious from the actions and inactions of city staff that there is a lack of a co-ordinated approach, a lack of a master plan and vision for the future.

The now approved official plan and the central Don Mills secondary plan are too general with too many loopholes.

The zoning bylaws, as everyone knows, change with every application.

What is needed is a design document that details the needs of Don Mills like a performance description and staff that adhere to the principles to protect us from the urban terrorism that has infiltrated our community.

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