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DMRI NEWS

D O N M I L L S R E S I D E N T S I N C .



NOISE COMPLAINTS REGARDING INCREASED AIRCRAFT TRAFFIC IN NORTH YORK (INCLUDING DON MILLS & LEASIDE).



Living in Don Mills you probably have heard more airplane noise over the past several years. George Hantzis and Cara McKerracher of the DMRI Board have taken up the cause and have been working very diligently to get some answers on this increased noise levels.

George and Cara met with our Member of Parliament for Don Valley East, Ms. Yasmin Ratansi, on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 to discuss the issue of the concentrated flight path over Don Mills and to develop a plan of action from both her office and the DMRI.

Ms. Ratansi informed the DMRI that she has had discussions and correspondence with the federal Minister of Transport, Marc Garneau, as well as other Members of Parliament regarding the issue of the concentrated flight path which was moved over Don Mills in 2012, resulting in frequent, low and loud planes flying over our neighbourhoods at all hours of the day and night, disrupting the home life of our residents. Members of the DMRI and Ms. Ratansi discussed possible solutions and action steps to help resolve this issue to provide relief from the constant airplane noise Don Mills residents experience.

At the meeting, Ms. Ratansi committed to reaching out to fellow North Toronto MPs (e.g., Rob Oliphant, Carolyn Bennett) to discuss organizing a Town Hall meeting for North Toronto residents in late summer or early autumn, to meet with representatives from the Greater Transit Airport Authority (GTAA), NAV Canada (the private corporation responsible for flight path design and Pearson run way control), and Helios (the private consulting firm hired by NAV Canada to study and provide recommendations to solve the airplane noise issue in Toronto), and North Toronto residents to discuss the issue of airplane noise and the concentrated flight path.

Ms. Ratansi also committed to research the 1996 legislation which led to the privatization of NAV Canada, and to initiate discussion with other MPs and the Minister of Transportation regarding legislative changes.

Members of the DMRI committed to research and provide historical data to Ms. Ratansi regarding flight paths and number of flights over Don Mills pre-2012 (i.e., when the flight path was moved) for her future discussions with other MPs and the Minister of Transportation.

Hillary Marshall, VP of Stakeholder Relations and Communications, kicked off the April 19 meeting of the GTAA's Community Environment and Noise Advisory Committee (CENAC) by acknowledging the grievances of more than 150 Etobicoke attendees.

"On behalf of the organization, I am truly sorry for what you are experiencing right now," she told the standing-room-only crowd of Etobicoke and Mississauga residents impacted by a temporary increase in noise levels.. The reason the increase of airplane noise in Etobicoke/ Mississauga was due to the \$30 million rehabilitation of "Canada's busiest runway" — Toronto Pearson International's Runway 05/23. With construction being finished this past May 2017, Etobicoke residents should hear their airplane noise being reduced back to their 6.9% with the balance directed back over Don Mills and North Toronto*

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DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

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As reported previously the DMRI continues to meet with Lanterra, the development company that is working with Cadillac Fairview on the design of the new buildings for the previous Don Mills Post Office site. We have not met for a few weeks as Lanterra is considering an alternative design to the site.

The pre-hearing conference was scheduled at the OMB for February 21st but has been moved to July 21. The DMRI is hoping that we will have a more acceptable proposal to discuss before the pre-hearing.

Mallow Road School Site

This site has been purchased by Mattamy Homes. Representatives of DMRI and Mattamy Homes met this week. Mattamy has been working with the City and have recently submitted a revised plan. It includes detached homes and townhomes – 47 in total. The maximum height of the buildings is taller than we would like (13M), but the plan overall is significantly better than the one Urbancorp proposed. There is less density, more greenspace adjacent the City owned park, and the existing walkway continues into the development and through it to the City owned park. DMRI will be working with Mattamy and with Denzil Minnan-Wong to have a community consultation session this summer to review the plans in detail.

Celestica/Wynford Green

As reported previously, an application has been made to the City for a new community that covers all of the current Celestica Site. The developers have named it Wynford Green and some details may be found on the DMRI

website. Space is also devoted to a new community facility that will tentatively be the location of a new twin pad arena to replace the Civitan Arena at the Shops.

City Council has discussed the relocation of the arena once again. All parties are in agreement that the Celestica site is the best. However, it will not be built there until 2021 at the earliest. Even based on this, the City plans to move ahead with this plan.

Committee of Adjustment

DMRI continues to monitor all applications to the North York Committee and will oppose the application if we feel that it is excessive. As of May 1st all appeals of Committee of Adjustment decisions will be heard by the Toronto Local Appeals Board and not the OMB. As the members of this body are all from Toronto it is hoped that will be an improvement in maintaining the characteristics of our neighbourhoods.

Inn on the Park

This property is part of the former Inn on the Park located at the corner of Leslie and Lawrence. Two developments have already occurred on this site. One is the Carrington Condominiums located at the North end of the property. The other is the car dealership at the south end of the site. The original plan for the centre of the site had been scrapped in favour of a new proposal, which called for four high-rise condominium towers of 28, 29, 34, and 38 stories. Tridel applied to the OMB as the City had not formally responded to their application within the time period identified in the Planning Act. The mass and density of this proposal is substantially greater than the existing Carrington Condominiums. In addition, another signalled intersection on Leslie is proposed.

DMRI met with the Carrington Condominium Boards early on with this development. It appeared that we were

aligned in opposition and therefore, it was decided that the Condo Boards would register as a Party and DMRI would register as a Participant with the OMB.

The Parties (Tridel, the City, and Carrington Condo Boards) entered into mediation many months ago. In the end, the agreement reached includes 3 buildings instead of the proposed 4. However, the buildings are 39, 29 and 45 stories high. The agreement includes more green space and section 37 contribution of \$5.4 M focused on projects intended to further develop pedestrian and cycling connectivity with the surrounding area.

Our concern is that the 45 storey building will establish a precedent although its location is unique – i.e. not adjacent to any single-family dwellings.

The lesson learned in this case was that DMRI should have registered as a Party even though it didn't appear to be necessary at the beginning. Party status, might have been able to influence the final outcome.

Many of the residents of the Carrington condominiums are unhappy with the outcome of these negotiations. They are interested in appealing the outcome if possible even though it seems that the Condo Board did achieve their major objectives.

Community Centre

As part of the negotiations with Cadillac Fairview and the City regarding phase II of the Shops at Don Mills (i.e. the residential component), Cadillac Fairview agreed to build a Community Centre. The schedule called for the Centre to be built by 2020.

It is our understanding that Parks and Recreation will be forming a working committee to proceed with the planning for the Centre.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PROFILE



When Don Mills was built in the early 1950s, the idea was that families could live, work, educate, worship and shop all in one big community.

In this issue's neighbour profile - we have Donna Lea, who didn't know anything about Don Mills when she first started looking for a place to settle down. Donna grew up in Stouffville Ontario on a now-working farm and later in Richmond Hill. She wanted that small-town-feel she loved for all those years but it had to be close to Toronto.

A real estate agent suggested that Don Mills might just be what she was looking for and she went for it. It didn't take long for Donna to fall in love with

Don Mills. Kids playing street hockey, community street parties, nature right at your backdoor, all the lovely neighbours. What's not to love, truly Don Mills is a unique rural/urban community.

Donna is a registered massage therapist and when she opened her own clinic, of course it was in Don Mills. Hands On Therapy Don Mills (that's right, Don Mills is in the name) has been here since October and it's doing extremely well. Donna is also a proud supporter of the community as her clinic currently sponsors the local ball hockey team.

It's safe to say that Donna and her family have experienced what Don Mills had in mind when it was built - live, work, school and shop all in one community.

TIPS FOR A GREENER LAWN

"Looking for some tips for a greener, healthier lawn?"

As the owner of Twig's Lawn Care, here are a few basic suggestions to help promote the lawn your neighbours will be envious of.

There are basically four recipes for success:

1. Fertilizing: using fertilizer with a high Nitrogen base to start, will help to produce a fast green, thick lawn with strong stem growth. Look for a bag with a mix of 30-5-5
*High number at first. A minimum of three applications per year will help get you started. 6 weeks after use a mix of 21-7-7 (Phosphorus strength to build up root system), mid-summer with a 16-8-8 mix and finally in fall, back to the 30-5-5.

2. Over seeding:- use the seed that is right for your lawn. Either a full sun or Shade mix is best to use. Mix the seed in with a good triple mix soil and spread on your lawn, a good hard rake of debris will also aid in the spots filling in. Lots of water and within 5 to 7 days, you should begin to expect initial growth for most varieties. *Some seeds will take

longer to germinate. Wait for the new grass to get to about 3" before you make the first cut. Will take about 8-12 weeks to fully establish. Keep the ground moist!

3. Aerating: Aeration involves perforating the soil with small holes to allow air, water and nutrients to penetrate the grass roots. This helps the roots grow deeply and produce a stronger, more vigorous lawn. The main reason for aerating is to alleviate soil compaction.

4. Watering your lawn: Watering the grass every single day for 15 minutes turns the lawn into a shallow-rooted water junkie that demands a water fix every day just to soldier on. Instead of watering shallowly every day for 15 minutes, water deeply once a week for an hour or so (or however long it takes to apply an inch of water). Best to do early in the morning as well and never in full sun.

Hope this helps and if you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me @ www.twigslawn.com or 416 697 1105 for full list of services.

Greg Thompson - Owner/Operator

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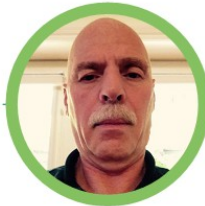
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear DMRI members,

On May 24th, 2017, it was my privilege to become your DMRI President for the coming year.

My background with the DMRI goes back decades, since I was asked by Cora Urbel to become involved in the early 1990's. I have been on the DMRI board for the past 3 years, representing Area One, and then becoming First Vice President of the DMRI. I am thrilled to have the opportunity of working with such a fantastic group of people as we currently have on the DMRI Board.

I would especially like to recognize Terry West and Brian Story for their past leadership. I thank them for their accomplishments here and look forward

to accomplishments to come as we work, together, towards the future.

My background with Don Mills goes back even further. I was born and raised in Don Mills. I attended Overland Public School and St Bonaventure. I learned to swim at the Don Mills Collegiate Pool, skate at the Civitan arena, and had my first job here and currently run a business in Don Mills. I've always been a huge fan and supporter of Don Mills, and worked on many of the development concerns in the area.

Don Mills is changing and changing rapidly. While change is inevitable, I will strive to work with the community, our municipal representatives, and developers to maintain the unique feel and special sense of community that Don Mills has always had.

I look forward to meeting and getting to know as many DMRI members, and Don Mills residents, as I can. The DMRI represents the residents of Don Mills, and I will work towards making sure the DMRI works to represent you in the best way we can.

Please feel free to reach out to me to discuss your thoughts and concerns. I want to hear from you. I'd love to know your ideas on the future of Don Mills, preserving the best of what we have, and working to make this community even better and stronger. I'd also love to hear about those things you feel make Don Mills special.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your DMRI President. I'm excited about the coming year and what it holds for us as we partner to strengthen and grow our community.

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OUT & ABOUT:

COMMUNITY GUIDE

Don Mills Library

ADULT PROGRAMS

TD Toronto Downtown Jazz Festival:
Russ Little Quartet.

Wednesday, June 21, at 7 pm. Join us for the music of virtuoso jazz trombonist Russ Little, veteran of the illustrious Woody Herman and Count Basie Orchestras, as well as Rob McConnell's famed Boss Brass. Register for this free program by calling (416) 395-5710.

All about 1867 - Canada's Great Lakes Ships and Shipwrecks.

Monday, June 26, at 7 pm. Discover the exciting stories of several Canadian ships from the year 1867, the year Canada became a country!

Presented by Cris Kohl and Joan Forsberg, two of the Great Lakes' most prolific maritime historians and underwater photographers in celebration of Canada's 150th birthday.

SENIORS PROGRAMS

Spring 2017 Afternoon Programs
@ Don Mills Branch

June 2017

Tea And Movies Join us on Friday afternoons at 2:00 pm for a series of classic films! No registration required. Tea and coffee will be served before the movies.

June 30th: **Love Me or Leave Me (1955)**

Show & Tell: Storytelling at the Library.
Friday, June 23, 2:00 pm. Everybody has a story to tell. Bring an object and join us for a show and tell program. For questions please contact University of Toronto researcher Lynne Howarth at 416-978-4666 or lynne.howarth@utoronto.ca. No registration required.

Stress Relief through Meditation
Saturday, June 24, 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm drop-in. Experience the peace and happiness of meditation. Join an instructor from Meditation Toronto. All are welcome regardless of experience level.

Churches

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION (ANGLICAN)

Café 65 – A Gathering Place for Seniors – Lunch and Entertainment - \$7
1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month – 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm Lunch at noon – Wheelchair Access.

Windfield Singers (formerly Don Mills Singers) - "Celebrating Canada 150"
Wednesday, June 21, 2017

Outdoor Service-Father's Day
Sunday, June 18

DONWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Morning Service
11:00 am every Sunday
Nursery, Primary & Junior Church

Communion Service
First Sunday of each month.

JUBILEE UNITED CHURCH

Worship Service.
Every Sunday at 10:30 am.

Open Doors for Prayers.
Every Wednesday from May 17 to September 27, 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm. The Sanctuary is open and you are invited to sit ... to pray ... to be still and know God is.

Blood Donor Clinic.
Monday, August 07, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Give the gift of life. 1-888-2DONATE or www.blood.ca.

Multiple Myeloma Support Group.
Saturday, August 12 at 2:00 pm. This is an opportunity for Multiple Myeloma cancer patients and their caregivers to meet to exchange their experiences and to hear cancer medical speakers.

Ultior Worship. Wednesday, Monday, June 19, at 8:35 pm. A smaller, less formal and more intimate worship service.

Community Table Dinner. Saturday at 6:30 pm: July 8, August 12, September 9. Share a meal with friends, and then take some food home! No charge!

PARKWOODS UNITED CHURCH EVENTS

Sunday Worship Services.
Until the end of August, Worship Services are being held at 10:30 am.

FREE Exercise Classes every Tuesday and Thursday

10:00 am Healthy Heart & Body Balance (Moderate Intensity)

11:00 am Gentle Fitness (Low Intensity)

Better Living Health and Community Services are providing FREE exercise classes to help you stay healthy, active and independent!

Classes held at 83 Parkwoods Village Drive, Activity Room with the support of Parkwoods United Church. Wheelchair accessible.

We will be taking a break over the summer months, but will resume our activities around September 11th. Hope to see you! Wheelchair accessible.

For complete event information, visit: dmri.ca

or follow us on facebook:
facebook.com/DMRI81

Aga Khan Museum

DANCING IN THE PARK: CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Friday, June 23, 7:00 pm –10:00 pm:

First Nations Dance with Lisa Odjig

Saturday, July 8, 7:00 pm –10:00 pm:

Garba Haalo Re with Sanskriti Arts

Friday, July 14, 7:00 pm –10:00 pm:

Chak de Bhangra with Sanskriti Arts

For more please visit

www.agakhanmuseum.org

Shops at Don Mills

Yoga at the Shops at Don Mills

June 18 to September 3

Sundays from 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Town Square. No admission fee.

Shine only.

Outdoor Group Cycle at the

Shops at Don Mills

June 13 to August 31

Tuesdays & Thursdays

9:30 am / 12:15 pm / 5:30 pm

Town Square. \$15 per 50 min class.

Rain or Shine.

TBG Organic Farmers' Market

The market takes place YEAR-ROUND on
Thursdays, 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm ready -to-
eat foods from 1:00 pm.

Choose the freshest, healthiest foods,
and meet organic vendors in one of
Toronto's most beautiful gardens. You'll
find salad greens all winter, vegetables,
delicious ready-to-eat foods, free-range
eggs and chicken, grass-fed beef, pork,
lamb and chevon, cheeses, yoghurt
and kefir, maple syrup, jams, honey,
all-natural personal care products,
soaps and candles, dried fruits and nuts,
olive oil, kombucha and kimchi, oils and
vinegars, breads, tempting sweets and

savouries, gluten-free baked goods, and
organic VQA wines (wines vendors first
and third week of the month)

Free parking is available on site. Toronto
Master Gardeners are also on hand,
providing an Advice Clinic.

The Edwards Summer Music Series

Thursdays starting at 7:00 pm | June 29
through August 31, 2017

The concerts will take place in the
courtyard adjacent to the historic barn
in Edwards Gardens. Some seating
available or bring your own chair. FREE
Admission. General seating.

Thursday, June 29, at 7:00 pm

Chris Smith Trio

A blend of pop, jazz, soul and
world rhythms

Thursday, July 6, at 7:00 pm

Irish Mythen

"A modern troubadour," contemporary
folk infused with Irish influences

Thursday, July 13 at 7:00 pm

DRUMHAND

Drums and horns powered by danceable
rhythms of hot climates from Brazil to
Ghana, India to New Orleans

Thursday, July 20 at 7:00 pm

Adonis Puentes & The Voice of
Cuba Orchestra

Thursday, July 27 at 7:00 pm

Tich Maredza Band

The rhythms and melodies of Zimbabwe
blended with contemporary AfroJazz

To learn more visit:

[http://torontobotanicalgarden.ca/enjoy/
special-events/gos-summer-music-
series/](http://torontobotanicalgarden.ca/enjoy/special-events/gos-summer-music-series/)



Kids Summer Camps

JUBILEE UNITED CHURCH

GO Project Kids Adventure Day Camp.

July 24 – 28 (Monday – Friday) 9:00

am – 4:00 pm. This environment-based
day camp is an action-packed week
for children and young teens. For more
information or to register, please visit
www.thegoproject.ca.

ST. MARK'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Footprints Summer Day Camp.

July 04 – August 25, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Run by the four Churches on the
Donway but held at Donway Covenant
United Church. For more info call
(437) 348-4935 or e-mail
footprintssummerdaycamp@gmail.com

GREENLAND RECREATIONAL

Grasp Summer Camp

July - August, 7:30 am - 6:00 pm.

GRASP is committed to providing
affordable non-profit childcare to our
community through quality programing
and qualified staff. Email: [info@
greenlandrecreational.com](mailto:info@greenlandrecreational.com)

www.greenlandrecreational.com

For a complete list
of community contacts,
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dmri.ca/communitycontacts

CANADA 150

CELEBRATION IN DON MILLS

**MPP Michael Coteau
& MP Yasmin Ratansi, Don Valley East**

INVITE YOU TO ATTEND A

Canada 150 Celebration

Saturday, July 1, 2017 • 12-3 p.m.

Aga Khan Park | 77 Wynford Dr, North York

*Come out and join us for a fun filled afternoon of **free food and entertainment**, and get to know your local community organizations.*

Let's celebrate our country's 150th birthday!

Please bring a reusable water bottle with you to fill up!



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CANADA DAY CELEBRATION AT BROADLANDS PARK

Opening Ceremonies 1:00 pm

Refreshments and Activities 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Free games, slide and bouncing enclosure, entertainment, face painting, treats, lots of prizes and food at old-fashioned prices!

OTHER CANADA 150 CELEBRATIONS IN TORONTO

Free Canada Day Celebrations

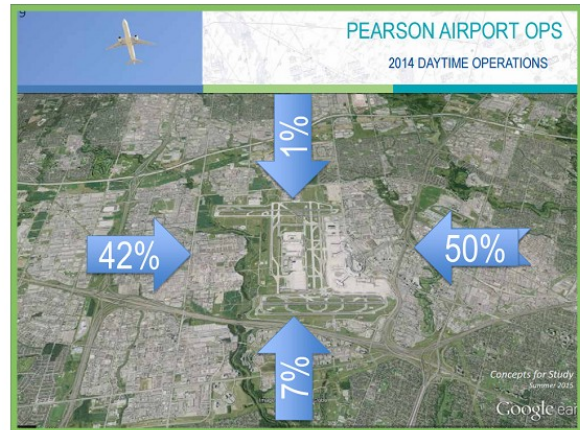
Nathan Phillips Square 2:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Scarborough Civic Centre 2:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Mel Lastman Square 2:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Humber Bay Park West 2:00 pm – 11:00 pm

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2014 Arrivals into Pearson, more recent numbers show a worrisome increase to 59% from the East, 4% South, 2% North, and 35% from the West.

The question remains "Why is Don Mills & North Toronto getting the 50% of the flight path?" An average of a plane every 3 minutes. The graphic clearly shows the flight path of 2014 arrivals into Pearson. 50% from the East, 7% South, 1% North and 42% from the West.

Living in a major city we all know that dealing with noise is part of living here but the DMRI is hoping for a fair distribution of flight paths making it fair to all of the GTA.

Please leave your thoughts/comments and email address on the DMRI website www.dmri.ca/airplanenoise. We will continue to update the site as we receive more information.

DMRI also committed to reaching out to other North Toronto resident associations, as well as North Toronto elected officials from provincial and municipal levels of government, regarding participating in and supporting a Town Hall meeting for North Toronto neighbourhoods affected by the Pearson concentrated flight paths.

Recently, the GTAA has announced a workshop on Tuesday June 20 at 6:30 located at the Ismaili Centre Toronto – 49 Wynford Drive to discuss Toronto Pearson's plan for growth. The workshop will include presentations about the airport's phased growth plan followed by small group discussions. All residents east of the airport are welcomed to attend.

To reach out to MP Yasmin Ratansi's Office with your concerns email yasmin.ratansi@parl.gc.ca

Stay tuned for the Townhall Meeting date. (late summer/early fall).

*April 17th, 2017 by C. Reason - Etobicoke Guardian

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