



Eglinton and Jane
– the parks of Mount Dennis

NEWS & LOCAL UPDATES

MAJOR TRANSIT INVESTMENTS IN MOUNT DENNIS

Progress is being made on the Eglinton Crosstown LRT line and the Kodak lands. The plan now includes a new underground Mount Dennis LRT Station at Eglinton and Weston Road!

The new station serves as the central feature for a new mobility hub that will include a stop for the GO/Air Rail Link service and a TTC bus station with space for up to 15 routes. The former Kodak lands are to be redeveloped as the main Maintenance and Storage Facility for all LRT trains. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2014 and be operational by or before 2020. Further planning studies are underway on the future extension of the Crosstown Line west to Jane Street which is subject to budget and plan approvals.

MDCA will be making representations as part of the Environmental Assessment, and we are also working with Mount Dennis Weston Network (MDWN) to gain community benefits and local jobs through this transit investment. MDWN advocates that Metrolinx and the City should work with our community to stimulate employment growth and create green and sustainable business opportunities.

Another round of community consultation is expected by early November as the plans move forward. Check out our MDCA website and Facebook page for more news!

CLEAN TRAIN COALITION TAKES METROLINX TO COURT

In 2009, the Mount Dennis Community Association joined a network of community groups called the Clean Train Coalition (CTC). It promotes sustainable electric trains as opposed to using diesel trains for the Air Rail Link which will run through Mount Dennis.

Air quality is a major concern. The World Health Organization classifies diesel exhaust as cancer-causing. Including Mount Dennis and the rest of the neighbourhoods along the line, there are 300,000 people who live near the Air Rail Link/GO rail corridor.

Because of the provincial government's tight deadline for the Air Rail Link (ARL) to be ready for the Pan-Am games in 2015, there is little progress on the safer choice of building it with electric trains - despite much back and forth between the Province, Metrolinx and the CTC. Metrolinx picked the ARL as its top priority project and the change point for electrifying the regional rail system, but then ordered diesel trains for it. Now there is no alternative for the CTC but head to court for a review of Metrolinx's diesel decision.

CTC's case states that Metrolinx is mandated to plan healthy transportation infrastructure that serves the long-term interests of Ontario citizens. It asks the court to find whether Metrolinx was unjustly constrained by outside interests in choosing diesel trains for a 2 week sporting event, when electric trains are a better option to meet long-term requirements. The court date is November 19th.

QUICK NEWS

- Updates for the **Eglinton LRT** and developments on the **Kodak lands**. See below for details.
- **Clean Up Your Sh*t!** is a neighbourhood clean-up day at Dora Spencer Road. See Page 2 for details.

DID YOU KNOW?

"Eglinton Flats is the largest recreational sports area in Toronto. It houses two cricket pitches, six soccer pitches, four field hockey pitches, a fishing pond, bike trail, golf course, two rugby pitches and twelve tennis courts."



MDCA is working hard to stay on top of the many issues affecting Mount Dennis. Big issues include the Eglinton LRT, future of the Kodak lands, new development at West Park Hospital and changes to the rail corridor, where our recent work helped secure noise barriers. Let us know if you have any other concerns.



DID YOU KNOW?

That it was back in 1891 that the first school was founded in Mount Dennis. It was a small two roomed schoolhouse. The modern building is the Mount Dennis Community School.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CLEAN UP YOUR SH*T!

Join us for a much needed autumn clean-up on **Saturday, October 20th at 10am!** We will be cleaning the area around Dora Spencer Road at Weston (one block past the Seven-Eleven at Jane and Weston). Gloves and equipment will be provided; just invite your friends and neighbours and together we'll sweep the trash out of Mount Dennis.

34th ANNUAL WESTON ROAD SANTA CLAUS PARADE

The 34th Annual Weston Santa Claus Parade will be held on December 2nd at 2pm. The route will begin at Weston Rd and Church Street and will end right here in Mount Dennis at Weston Rd and Sidney Belsey Cres! For more information, go to www.westonvillagebia.com.

The MDCA will be participating in the parade, so keep an eye out for us. Join us at the end of the parade route for a hot drink!

CLEAN TRAIN COALITION HOLDS A RALLY

The Train Coalition will be holding a rally on October 14th. At 1pm, a parade will start at the West Toronto Railpath and Wallace Ave (east of the Junction, 3km from our neighbourhood) and will head to Soraura Park. Please check out www.cleanttrain.ca for details, and show up for Mount Dennis!

GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

If you need to contact our hard-working representatives from government, here is their contact information:

For municipal, Ward 11 – City Councillor Frances Nunziata:
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For provincial, York South–Weston MPP Laura Albanese:
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For federal, York South–Weston MP Mike Sullivan:
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Mount Dennis Legion Branch (#31) has been in existence since 1926. It is a veterans' not-for-profit organization which any 19+ year old Canadian citizen, Commonwealth subject or citizen of an allied country can join! The legion is self-funded by its members. It is best known for its promotion of "Remembrance" through the legion's annual Poppy Campaign & Remembrance Day Services where poppies are distributed and donations accepted for the branch's Poppy Trust Fund. This fund is used to provide comradeship through social events and special activities including in-house sports leagues (cribbage, euchre, darts, snooker and shuffleboard). There are also lots of volunteer opportunities.

For more information please e-mail legionbr31@yahoo.com or call 416-767-0231.

OUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Please feel free to contact us if you have questions, concerns or want to volunteer with the MDCA.



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