



Mount Dennis Community Association



How Black Creek and Eglinton might eventually look in the future vision of ULI's Team 2.



A map of Mount Dennis

PARTY BY THE POND

Saturday, July 6th, 10-3
Topham Pond
Eglinton Flats (SE corner)
... details on p7

U.L.I. TEAMS BRING FRESH IDEAS FOR OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

For the past 8 months, Toronto's former Chief Planner Paul Bedford had led mid-career members of the Urban Land Institute in a Leadership Program. Working in teams, participants were asked to share their expertise and advice as they developed recommendations for future change in Mount Dennis. At a kick-off meeting back in October 2018, MDCA and BIA members told them our history, ideas and concerns. Bedford urged the teams (and also local residents) to "Think differently!" He noted that "Everyone wants progress, but nobody likes change", but if done right the coming development can help fix problems large and small, and meet community needs.

Each team was to produce a Vision and Action Plan to help guide change in Mount Dennis. Their plans should be financially realistic, show development and design ideas for lands near the LRT Station and on Weston Road, and include a strategy for getting the private sector to help make Mount Dennis "a model for a complete Eco-neighbourhood". This spring, the three teams came back with their different ideas and approaches for our future.

Team 1 starts with a bridge across the rail corridor integrated into a big new institutional building to "connect the two halves" of Mount Dennis. This Team proposes using a Neighbourhood Trust to make sure new development includes local decision-making and protects long-term affordability. Team 2 proposes redeveloping the Mount Dennis employment lands into Toronto's first Innovation District, where manufacturing and research can co-locate. Team 3 looks furthest into the future, stressing the importance of Weston Road and envisaging lots more high-rise housing as well as other high-density, mixed use development emerging within twenty years.

These are just a few highlights. We encourage you to look at the ULI teams' ideas. You can find their reports and presentations on-line (go to mountdennis.ca and follow the links). Or you can see their original drawings on display at the Library (main floor fireplace area) until the end of July.

***NEXT STEPS:** The City's planners will soon look at our area's Official Plan and zoning polices, while the City's Economic Development unit will draft a Jobs and Investment strategy for Mount Dennis.*

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PREPARING FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

Concerned about climate change? If not, you should be! The United Nations Climate Change Panel considers it the greatest threat to continuing human existence – a more serious risk than nuclear war. But what can we do to reduce or eliminate climate-changing greenhouse gases?

There is reason to be hopeful, despite all the media images of floods, wild fires, droughts, and disasters. Here in Toronto, City staff have developed a solid understanding of greenhouse gas emissions and where they are produced. Toronto’s climate action plan, **TransformTO**, includes targets for reducing fossil-fueled energy in buildings, transportation and waste management. The new Toronto Resiliency Strategy is aimed at social, economic and environmental vulnerability spots, adapting Toronto so it can rebound to normal functioning after crisis-level events.

The City has designated Mount Dennis as a “net zero” pilot neighbourhood. At our latest meeting about MDCA’s Eco-Neighbourhood Initiative, City staff updated us on the community energy plan: how apartment towers and homes can be retrofitted, and how we can help build a green economy. We discussed priorities, and ways our local community can help. MDCA will connect this into the City’s local work on economic development and a new urban planning framework.

We can already see signs of sustainability-related change. The work of Foodshare and the Mount Dennis Neighbourhood Centre on food security; LEF’s community market; the BIA’s promotion of pollinator gardens and street-friendly environments; the indigenous community’s caring for the earth along the banks of the Humber, and concern for the water of Black Creek south; the planned bike path network extension; TRCA’s efforts to reduce flood risk. These changes and more are increasingly led by local community groups, and they all seem to agree that **ecological** resilience can only be achieved through **economic** resilience. Strategies include assisting people living near and below the poverty line, and removing economic barriers that now keep working-class folk from



Pollinator welcoming plants and “Air Bee & Bee” Hotel


access to stable jobs and decent housing, transportation and food.


Members of our business community are stepping up – for example through the renovation of 501 Alliance into a green business centre. Efforts are being made to ensure the future construction in of our community is as green as possible. The work done by the Urban Land Institute’s teams offers valuable ideas and insights (see page 1).

The City’s Black Creek Recreation Centre has been built to green standards, and Toronto’s first ‘net zero’ daycare is to be built at 1234 Weston Road. Metrolinx’s Eglinton Crosstown LRT maintenance and storage facility has also been built to green standards, and (responding to community pressure) they have contracted for a leading-edge 20-megawatt battery for the new Eglinton Crosstown Line. The TTC is adding new all-electric buses to its hybrid bus fleet running out of the Mount Dennis TTC barn, and Canada Post is considering electric delivery vehicles for its sorting depot on Ray Avenue.

Join in the Eco-Neighbourhood Initiative! Drop by the info table at MDCA’s Party by the Pond, and subscribe to our mailing list via info@mountdennis.ca.








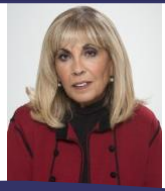
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LOCAL WOODLANDS DESTROYED

The world now knows that saving mature trees is vital to fight global warming. Early this spring, the largest woodlands in the Black Creek Business Area – heavily forested with mature specimens of Red Oak, White Oak, Black Walnut and American Elm – were destroyed. When Metrolinx bought the former Kodak site it had more than 2,200 trees plus lots of shrubs, saplings and understorey. Now there are just 118 trees left! Most neighbours and community members found out only after it all happened.

We have now learned that this clear-cutting was planned in mid-2018 by Metrolinx and the Province’s Ministry of Environment, which decided the trees had to be removed to cap groundwater contaminated with chemicals from the Kodak era. Yet most of these trees were at the top of the hill; many would have lived another hundred years. Metrolinx’s arborist listed and measured each tree and the approvals needed to destroy it. The Conservation Authority okayed the plans and the City’s Urban Foresters issued permits. It all happened behind closed doors without public discussion or debate. And it seems that none of these agencies took a step back and asked the important big questions: “Does this really make sense?” “How will it impact birds, wildlife, people and the planet?”

Back in 2011 the MDCA supported putting a Maintenance and Storage Facility on the Kodak lands to help make sure an LRT would be built. We called for “**A Service Yard that Benefits the Community**” and stated: “Any service yard on the former Kodak lands must generate minimal noise and traffic disruption in the surrounding area, provide jobs for local residents, restore the Kodak Employees’ Building and maintain significant vegetation.”

In 2016, before work got underway, MDCA representatives were shown the final plans for the station and EMSF, including the list of trees to be cut down. We were disappointed so many trees would be lost, but understood this was part of the price our community must pay for the benefits of LRT service. And we were relieved that the most significant woodlands, lying on the valley sides, east of the EMSF, would remain untouched. What we were never told was that in the next few years there would be a series of private revisions to the tree preservation plan, each of which would spell death for hundreds more trees!

Metrolinx has now agreed to plant new trees to replace the most significant losses, and MDCA is discussing details with them. But it will be decades before we have woodlands like before.



BEFORE woodland clearing.



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As we welcome summer, the season for BBQ's, campfires, and fireworks, let's not forget the importance of fire safety awareness. Think about the Fire Triangle model: the three elements needed to ignite a fire are (1) Fuel Source, (2) Heat, and (3) Oxygen.

For your home, practice a fire escape plan with your family that includes at least two ways out. If you live in an apartment building, be sure to allow entry to your apartment for fire safety checks and fire alarm tests. Talk to your neighbours about an escape plan, and study the City's High-Rise Survival Kit (there's a link at mountdennis.ca for this and other safety guidelines).

Children are never too young for fire safety awareness; with the younger age group, you can read a book together like *No Dragons for Tea*, available at the library. Run a checklist on every floor, and in every room, from storage spaces to sleeping quarters. Be like an arson investigator: spot where there may be a potential fire cause or origin, and the path that fire would follow based on oxygen flow. Check for faulty wiring, hazardous lighting, and flammable sources. Clean and test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

When using BBQs, always follow manufacturer's instructions, and have baking soda and a fire extinguisher nearby, or a bucket of sand. Do you like bonfires? There are over 25 City parks where you can request a bonfire permit for the spring through autumn months. When camping, always use a fire-pit and follow the campground's rules; buy firewood – do not burn twigs and branches, which are part of home to many little creatures.

Finally, when using family fireworks always follow manufacturer's instructions. Unless you have a City permit, use them only on Canada Day and Victoria Day. Safely dispose of fireworks material, with a bucket of sand or water and a fire extinguisher nearby. No matter how cautious we are, we can sometimes miss a potential fire hazard. But by being careful and taking preventive measures, we can all enjoy a safe, fire-free summer!

HOSPITALITY TRAINING @ MDNC

A program operating at the Mount Dennis Neighbourhood Centre (1269 Weston Road) offers people aged 18+ the chance to learn food preparation skills and get on track for full-time work in the industry. After completing the (non-profit) Hospitality Workers Training Centre's no-cost 8-week "Culinary Skills Launch" program, 75% of trainees find jobs. Courses are ongoing.

The program works hand-in-glove with Second Harvest, which rescues food that would otherwise go to waste. Over six months, the HWTC's kitchen took in 33,000 lbs of food from Second Harvest, which the trainees turned into attractive food-trays delivered to shelters and other places of need.

A second HWTC program, "Kitchen Masters", is a 12-week course aimed at Black youth aged 18-29, and will start on July 8th. For more information or to enroll in either program, go to training@hospitalitytrainingcentre.com or call 647-930-9518.







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UrbanArts offers a variety of super-engaging arts programs (including music and dance) across York South-Weston and surrounding areas. These help to support and inspire creativity among local artists and residents while fostering engagement and connectedness.

Over the past six years, **UrbanArts** has operated from 5 Bartonville Ave. E. in Mount Dennis, offering a plethora of programs and activities for youth. Recently, it expanded program offerings to include seniors and the broader community, launching a program called “**1000 Words, Seniors’ Storytelling through Art**” in partnership with three local seniors’ organizations.

This spring, **UrbanArts** was happy to re-launch in Weston (where they have been since 2002) at the new **34 John St. Artscape Weston Common cultural hub**. They look forward to using this long-awaited facility to offer new and exciting programs and services to artists and the broader community.



UrbanArts Executive Director Marlene McKintosh (who also sits on MDCA’s Board) tells us they have a busy summer planned for local residents. Activities include the **SummerArts Camp** for children & youth, the annual **CultureShock Festival** (August 6-10) and their Cultural Hotspot signature project “**Find Your Element**” with workshops across the community culminating in a mural at West Park Health Centre in October. You



2018 CultureShock Festival in Mount Dennis

are invited to come out to either or both **UrbanArts** locations, where you can share, and join in celebrating the community’s vibrancy and wonderful talent along with all that they are doing. Marlene says “Come create with us” as she thanks the community for all its support and invites volunteers to help make it all happen.

Learn more at www.urbanartstoronto.org or any of the social media sites @UrbanArtsTO.

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LOCAL ARTISTS GET ATTENTION

501 Alliance (at Rockcliffe), our community's green technology showpiece, is also a centre for the arts. The West Toronto Art Collective's studio tour on June 1st reached north of the Junction-High Park area, and featured four artists at this building in Mount Dennis.

David Tomlin, who works with acrylics, and John Pressault, who works in impressionist oils, were among the artists featured in the pop-up gallery viewed by hundreds. The atrium mural at 501 provides a great backdrop, while John and David's shared studio' northern exposure features ample lighting, and provides a display wall, benches and easels.

They are working in an original section of the building, but every year more of the building is upgraded to meet tenants' needs.



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BIG CROWDS AT EMSF

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FRI, JULY 5TH, BIA's OUTDOOR DANCE PARTY, 7:30 – 10:30 pm
 @ Nyctophilia (Weston and Dennis Avenue) with local DJ **Cozmic Cat** and Juno-nominated band **Ruben Esguerra & New Tradition Music**. Free coffee.

SAT, JULY 6TH MDCA's PARTY BY THE POND, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
 @ Topham Pond, Eglinton Flats (S.E. quadrant). See left box for more details.

SAT, JULY 13TH - UrbanArts Beats.Mind.Movement (BMM), 4 p.m. – 9 p.m.
 Music Program Showcase - Artscape Weston Common, 34 John St.
\$8 in advance, \$10 at the door.

TUE to SAT, AUG 6TH-10TH - UrbanArts CultureShock Community Arts Festival
FREE all-ages multi-day festival providing a forum and space for artists across the city to connect, collaborate, and showcase their talents.
 5 Bartonville Ave East & Artscape Weston Common, 34 John St.



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- Thurs, Aug 29th – with **Ariexile**, Royal Bakery, 1263 Weston Road, 7 – 8:30 pm
- Thurs, Sep 26th – with **Durpy**, *supercoffee*, 1148 Weston Road, 7 – 8:30 pm
- Thurs, Aug 29th – with **Kiyoya Amoah**, Royal Bakery, 1263 Weston Rd, 7–8:30 pm

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