

A Community School is NOT a Community Centre

The community school model offers courses and programs during a limited number of hours only when facilities are available and are not being used for school purposes. Typically, community school courses and programs are offered at a cost to users.

The Lakeshore, already has this type of limited programming available at various facilities such as Seventh Street School, Father John Redmond, John English and James S. Bell Schools.

What is a Community Centre?

- **A COMMUNITY CENTRE IS** the focal point of a vibrant healthy community, it is the gathering place for local residents. It offers a full mix of social, cultural and recreational activities
- **A COMMUNITY CENTRE IS** open seven days a week, with hours that meet community needs, and offers a wide variety of free, subsidized, partial and total cost recovery programs.
- **A COMMUNITY CENTRE IS** affordable, inclusive and accessible to residents including youth, seniors, disabled and newcomers.
- **A COMMUNITY CENTRE IS** governed by an independent community board, with representation from local residents, social service agencies and clubs, community, cultural and sports groups, churches, local industry, small business as well as the city's parks & recreation department and government partners.

GET INVOLVED!

**Contact the
Lakeshore Community
Centre Workgroup**

**416-252-9701, Ext. 854
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- 1. Register your name and address in support of our position.**
- 2. Request a copy of the background paper entitled "A Neighbourhood Vision: A Community Centre in the Lakeshore Village & New Toronto Community".**

WHERE IS OUR COMMUNITY CENTRE?



The History

Before amalgamation, Etobicoke Council approved the “Lakeshore Village By-Law” which promised that a 20,000 sq ft community centre would be built in the New Toronto area. The city received \$1.8 million from the developer of Lakeshore Village to help build this facility.

Fast forward to 2007

A sad reality; this community centre was never built. Today, Toronto Parks and Recreation staff intend to use the \$1.8 million to build a gym located on Father John Redmond School property. The gym will amount to only 10,000 sq. ft. – half of the space originally promised, and far less than this community actually needs.

In light of the City’s current budget restraint, we are not going to see any more monies for a recreation/community centre facility for a long time.

Is this the only option?



A Unique Opportunity Lakeshore Lions Arena Could Become Our Community Centre

Lakeshore Lions Arena will close in a year or two. We believe that this facility can be converted into a functional, spacious community centre, which would include a full-size gym.

The taxpayers already own this facility. The Toronto District School Board have acquired this facility through a recent land exchange.



We Cannot Afford to Waste This Prime Opportunity!

This is a chance that may never come again. As residents, we are concerned about the future of the Lakeshore. The Lakeshore Lions arena is too valuable of a facility to our neighbourhood, our community, and our future. We believe it should be developed as a Community Centre for the benefit of ALL!



Let’s Study This Option

- At a time of restraints, we need to make the BEST use of our tax dollars. We need to evaluate all the options including using the Lakeshore Lions arena as the potential site of a Lakeshore Community Centre.
- The \$1.8 million monies along with other government funds and private fundraising revenues would help create a community-based Lakeshore Community Centre.

This is OUR Lakeshore

Let’s Build Our Community, Our Community Centre, and Our Future