

Date: May 14, 2012  
To: Members of the Etobicoke York Community Council  
From: Councillor Mark Grimes  
Subject: Request for An Area Study of Newcastle / Portland area in Ward 6

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**SUMMARY:**

In north- Mimico for the lands bounded by the CN/Metrolinx Rail lands to the south, Royal York Rd to the west and Grand Avenue to the east and Portland St to the north is a community undergoing revitalization with new residential developments encroaching on old light industrial communities. Along Royal York Blvd there is a moderate area of commercial units, that form the local business improvement association.

At the far south of the area is the local Mimico Go Station, that is an increasingly valuable asset in this community offering a much-needed public transit option. The industrial area flanks the neighbouring Go Station, offering limited public parking. Some of the industrial buildings sit empty while others are in disrepair.

With the increasing population, growth on the avenue and smaller residential streets there is a demand for an overall improvement to the streetscape, transportation routes and to the businesses in the area to better compliment the needs and of the community and better use of the land adjacent to the Go Train.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. City Council direct City Planning staff to undertake an Area Study of the Newcastle/Portland Community of Mimico including a review of existing land uses, urban design and gateway features for the lands bounded by CN/Metrolinx Rail Royal York Rd to, Portland St and Grand Avenue .

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of this request.  
Sincerely,



Mark Grimes  
Councillor Ward 6, Etobicoke Lakeshore