

Info Sheet #1: Why Study Don Mills & Eglinton?

The evolution of the Don Mills and Eglinton area has always been closely tied to transportation infrastructure. The initial wave of urbanization was triggered by the extension of Eglinton Avenue over the Don River in 1956 and the construction of the Don Valley Parkway in the mid-1960s.

The Don Mills and Eglinton area will see new transportation infrastructure with the construction of the Science Centre LRT station and bus terminal as part of the Crosstown LRT line that will trigger the next wave of city building in the area.

City Council Direction:

1. Through the adoption of the Eglinton Connects Report in 2014, **City Council identified Don Mills and Eglinton as a Focus Area for intensification around the Science Centre LRT stop**, providing direction to staff to develop a Secondary Plan for the Focus Area.
2. In June, 2016, **City Council reached a settlement of an Ontario Municipal Board appeal for the Celestica lands which redesignated a portion of the site as Regeneration Areas** and included a Site and Area Specific Policy requiring a comprehensive planning framework prior to new development occurring.

Building on the work of Eglinton Connects, Don Mills Crossing will integrate the Celestica lands with the directions for the Focus Area and result in a new planning framework for the area, which may include implementation measures such as a Secondary Plan, alongside design guidelines, transportation and infrastructure master plans that support co-ordinated development of employment, residential and community uses.

This is key city building moment at Don Mills and Eglinton!

- We are encouraging active involvement of residents, employees and business owners through each phase for the study with various consultation events including pop-ups and workshops.
- At approximately 64 acres, the Celestica site is one of the largest private redevelopment site in Toronto. The other three corners of Eglinton Avenue East and Don Mills Road consist of lands in public ownership.
- The combination of these two factors allows for us to consider a number of options to deliver a new public realm, a connected open space system, community facilities, additional employment uses and connections to the ravine system.

With your help, over the next two years Don Mills Crossing will answer key questions about what is needed to build a complete, well connected and walkable community at Don Mills and Eglinton.