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Lovingly tended community garden struck by vandals

Editor,

Your article (*Riverdale Meadow Community Garden, April 2006 issue*), complete with a wish list of badly needed supplies - was excellent. As a new member of the RMCG, I do thank you for this interesting and informative piece.

Unfortunately, after a savage Easter Sunday night trashing at the hands of unknown vandals, the garden is more in need than ever of assistance.

Precious plants - potted up and 'hardening off' for our annual fundraising sale - were destroyed, along with their containers which are always in short supply at the garden.

Wooden cold frames, carefully designed and built to grow greens through the winter months, suffered considerable damage as well. So too did the tools, the watering and composting systems, and the fencing.

Security at the Riverdale meadow garden is a real problem. The fencing needs to be higher but not too rigid, as hard wire fencing can be easily scaled. Video cameras

might help, but they too are expensive. A night security patrol is not feasible.

The policeman who came and took photos of the damage for his incident

report was quite skeptical about our ever getting proper security. Indeed, he thought it unlikely officials of any stripe would ever take community gardens seriously.

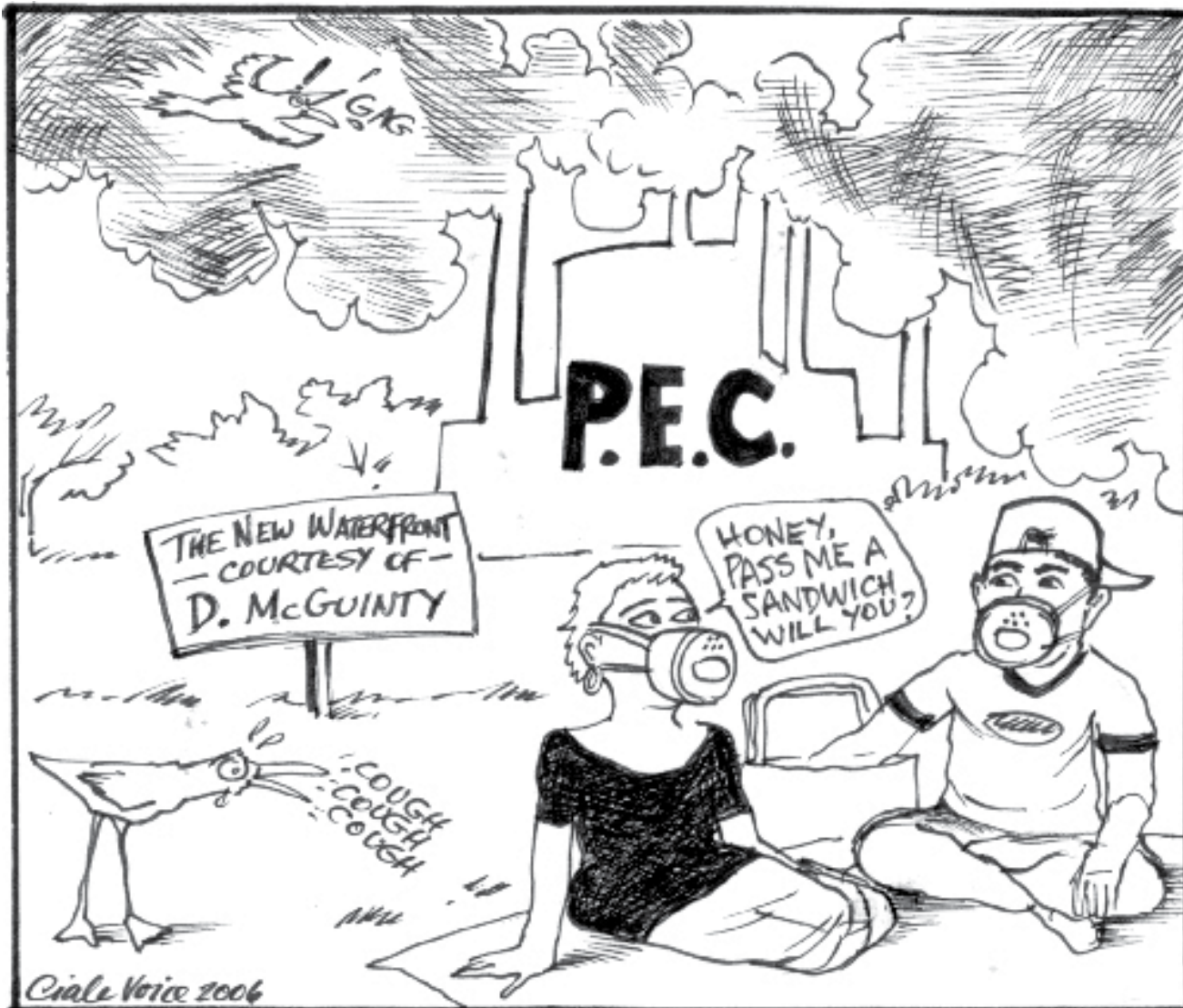
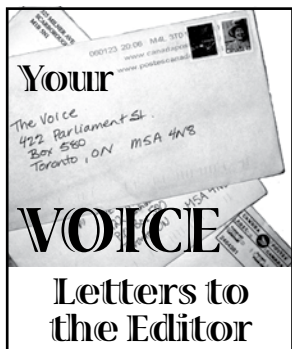
I sure hope he's wrong!

Perhaps when oil costs \$200 per barrel and we can no longer afford to fly veggies in from California and Mexico, Toronto officials will start getting serious about community gardens. To be fair, some already are. I'm betting that someday soon urban gardens of all kinds will be found in our city, and that they will prove more valuable than gold.

The fundraiser for the Riverdale Meadow Community Garden is to be held at the City Adult Learning Centre greenhouse, 1 Danforth Ave, May 16-19, 2006.

Pat Montague
Hogarth Avenue, Toronto

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MISTAKE BY THE LAKE is what the Toronto Energy Coalition calls the Portlands Energy Centre, planned to rise beside the mothballed Hearn Generating Station in front of a beautiful stretch of waterfront.

Toronto and Region Conservation

NOTICE OF SUBMISSION Terms of Reference

Don Mouth Naturalization and Port Lands Flood Protection Project

As part of the Don Mouth Naturalization and Port Lands Flood Protection Project planning process, a Terms of Reference (ToR) was recently submitted by Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA) in coordination with the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation (TWRC) to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) for formal review as required under the provincial Environmental Assessment Act. If approved, the ToR will serve as a benchmark for the preparation and review of the Environmental Assessment (EA) document for this undertaking.

The Don Mouth Naturalization and Flood Protection Project is intended to address the ecological dysfunction of the Don River Mouth as well as the high level of flood risk currently experienced in the Port Lands and South Riverdale areas. The study area of the proposed undertaking is located on the following map.

As of May 8, 2006, you may inspect the ToR during normal business hours at the following locations:

1. Ministry of the Environment
Environmental Assessment & Approvals Branch
2-30, Clair Avenue West, Toronto, ON M4V 1L3
416-325-4887
2. Ministry of the Environment
Central Region Office
6th Floor, 1075 Yonge Street, North York, ON M2M 4L4
416-325-4788
3. Toronto and Region Conservation
Environmental Office Building, Toronto, ON M5H 1Z4
416-392-3888
4. Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation
2 Toronto City Place, Suite 202 (Building)
Toronto, ON M5E 1A7
416-392-4196
5. Toronto Reference Library
700 Yonge Street (between Water and Queen)
Toronto, ON M5E 1M5
416-392-5277
6. Urban Affairs Library
85 John Street, Suite 101, Toronto, ON M5P 1E2
416-392-7971
7. City of Toronto - Chief Office (Public Comment Office)
5th Floor, West Tower, City Hall
100 Queen Street West, Toronto, ON M5H 1S2
416-392-3888



The ToR is also available on the Ministry of the Environment's EA Activities website at:
http://www.moe.gov.on.ca/eavs/ea/eaenv_reg/en/eng/ea/ToR/ToR_index.htm

Your written comments regarding the ToR must be received prior to June 8, 2006.
All comments should be submitted to:

Selange Desautels, Senior Project Coordinator
Environmental Assessment & Approvals Branch, Ministry of the Environment
2 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, ON M4V 1L3 • (416) 314-8380

A copy of all comments will be forwarded to the proponent.

Under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Environmental Assessment Act, unless otherwise specified in the submission, any personal information, such as name, address, telephone number and property location, included in a submission will become part of the public record and can be released, in whole or in part, as requested.



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