

TODAY'S WEATHER
 M/SUNNY
16 °C

 4 Day Forecast | Traffic

VOICE of the GTA

TORONTO STAR

CAREER EXPO

Job Seekers Hotline: 877-842-3976 x17
 resume@expoexpertsllc.com

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2008
11 AM TO 4 PM
MISSISSAUGA CONVENTION CENTRE
75 DERRY ROAD, MISSISSAUGA



Job Expo Experts
 Job fair
 Exhibiting Sponsor:


Monday, June 02, 2008 | Today's Toronto Star

PHOTOS VIDEO COLUMNISTS BLOGS PODCASTS RSS MOBILE NEWSLETTERS ALERTS



 thestar.com Web find a Business
 Advanced Search | Full Text Article Archive

- [NOTICES](#)
- [CAREERS](#)
- [CLASSIFIEDS](#)

HOME NEWS COMMENT BUSINESS SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT LIVING TRAVEL WHEELS HEALTHZONE YOURHOME PARENTCENTRAL

Fashion & Style | Food | Restaurants | Religion | Shopping | Starship | Disabilities | New in Homes

21st century is right at home in Bay-Dundas neighbourhood

> Advertisement <







Ongoing transformation gives old and battered infrastructure new uses

Oct 06, 2007 04:30 AM

CHRISTOPHER HUME

Dundas and Bay may not be everyone's idea of a residential neighbourhood, but get used to it.

Like the rest of downtown Toronto, the area now finds itself being transformed into a haven of New Age domesticity. And why not? Brilliantly located, close to everything, including Chinatown, city hall, and the Eaton Centre, this is what urban life is supposed to be all about. Streetcars (the 505 route), buses (the Bay line), hotels, restaurants and cultural facilities – this is a district that has a lot going for it.

-  Email story
-  Print
-  Choose text size
-  Report typo or correction
-  Email the author
-  License this article

 BOOKMARK 

MORE IN LIVING
[What they got: May 31](#)

> Advertisement <

In the 21st century, when the environment is the No. 1 issue, when the need to intensify our use of the city is greater than ever, it only makes sense that so many condos would have appeared downtown. Though these residential towers wouldn't have made sense even a decade or two ago, that's all changed now.

There will be anxiety about the lack of sites appropriate for the new office towers that will carry into the future, but getting people downtown is a good way to slow, however slightly, the rush to sprawl.

To put it simply, the infrastructure, though battered and long-neglected, already exists here. The Big Pipe was laid decades ago as were the streetcar tracks.

Not every building that was constructed does what it should for the neighbourhood; but even the Ryerson business school, on the southeast corner of Dundas and Bay, despite its less-than-stellar architecture, brings new meaning to the term mixed-use.

In addition to the school, the building contains a parking garage and a Canadian Tire. Parking and hardware – two things Torontonians have complained for years they can't get enough of downtown.

The transformation is far from complete, and one imagines that given another few years, the number of permanent residents will have increased exponentially. That's all good news, both for them and the city.

chume@thestar.ca

CONDO CRITIC

ONE CITY HALL:

(111 Elizabeth St.) This sleek, retro-modernist structure is one of the most engaging condos to appear on the skyline in some time.

Though not a highrise, it's big enough that its slab-like configuration doesn't look heavy and earthbound.

The strong horizontal lines of the exterior, established through long balconies that extend the length of the building, add a nice streamlined kind of aesthetic to the complex.

The west façade, with its maze-like surfaces, is especially striking.

The result is a piece of architecture that reads as a coherent whole rather than something extruded from a machine. The ratio between height and size seems appropriate; it feels right.

The building doesn't dominate the neighbourhood, but brings new life and clarity to a block that was cluttered and chaotic.

GRADE: A

WHAT DO YOU THINK? Email us at condocritic@thestar.ca

Locking horns over quality
What they got: May 24
Ventilate sealed spaces
What they got: May 17
Milk paint delivers classic look
What they got: May 10
Laminates not soundproof
Simplicity yields the unexpected
Redbud a gorgeous native that is underappreciated

RECENT SPECIAL SECTIONS

- Mobile Technology
- Desi Life
- Digital Photo
- Golf 2008
- Best Employers for Diversity
- Sick Kids
- Diabetes
- Florida Travel

[More Specials](#)

Click here to find the lowest insurance rates. It's FAST, SAFE and FREE!

\$4,102/yr



\$1,641/yr

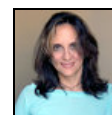


InsuranceHotline.com
 Click. Compare. Save.

MOST POPULAR ON THESTAR.COM

- | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Most Read | Most Emailed |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
- Mom, girl hit head-on in bizarre carjacking
 - Horoscopes for Monday, June 2
 - Language test spells trouble for newcomers
 - Sex and the single world
 - Rift widens in U.S. Democratic party

SPECIAL



Sex and the single world
 In spite of the mitigating effects of Manolos and martinis, being single in the city isn't always easy.



Doggie High Tea
 Lapping a beef broth tea with a Hollywood star in the ballroom of one of Toronto's grandest hotels is an honour Alice, a humble 63-year-old ...



A star on ice
 This reader was a figure skating fan at Copps Coliseum in Hamilton watching a competition.



New Olympics site
 With the latest news, athlete profiles, videos and an interactive timeline, thestar.com/olympics is your best destination for the countdown ...

[More Specials](#)

TheStar.com [Corrections](#) | [Contact Webmaster](#) | [FAQ](#) | [Site Map](#) | [RSS](#) | [Desi Life](#)


Toronto Star [About Us](#) | [Subscribe](#) | [Subscriber Self Services](#) | [Contact Us](#) | [News Releases](#) | [Star Internships](#) | [Careers at the Star](#)

Advertise With Us [Media Kit](#) | [Online Advertising](#) | [Print Advertising](#) | [Special Sections](#)

Initiatives [Santa Claus Fund](#) | [Fresh Air Fund](#) | [Classroom Connection](#)

Torstar Sites [toronto.com](#) | [ourfaves.com](#) | [Pages of the Past](#) | [Star Store & Photo Sales](#) | [New In Homes](#) | [More...](#)



 © Copyright Toronto Star 1996-2008 [Terms & Conditions](#) | [Privacy Code](#)