

CONDO LIVING

Eglinton condos are on the fast track

Crosstown LRT along Eglinton Ave. brings excitement into the area

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The fabled corner of Yonge and Eglinton is a trendy, much sought-after neighbourhood buzzing with sophistication and urban activity. Condo buyers have always been attracted to the area for a variety of reasons, one being the convenience of the Yonge subway line.

Transit options along the Eglinton corridor are about to grow. In addition to the dozen or so condo projects currently underway at Yonge and Eglinton, the future will see an array of new developments along the Eglinton Crosstown LRT that will link 54 local bus routes, three TTC interchange subway stations and GO Transit.

It is the cornerstone of the much larger Eglinton-Scarborough crosstown project, the ambitious Metrolinx initiative featuring a network of 52 km of light rail transit that will stretch from Black Creek to Kennedy station and is slated for completion in 2020.

Giant excavating machines have already started churning through the rock and earth to create an underground tunnel

that will stretch from Keele St. to Don Mills. Condo owners and commuters can expect a certain degree of disruption as the project progresses, the extent of which remains to be seen.

During construction, Eglinton will be limited to two lanes of traffic. The areas most affected will be closest to the extraction of debris from the tunnel and the sites of the new stations.

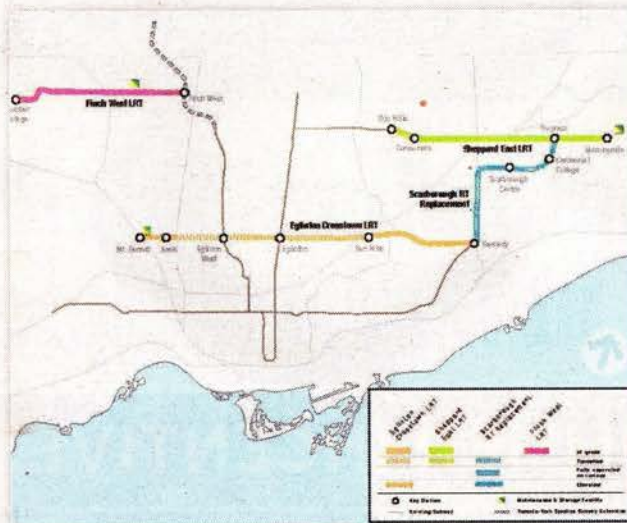
Tower Hill Development Corporation will soon be introducing their 2221 Yonge condos at Yonge at Eglinton. Designed by world-renowned Li Chung "Sandi" Pei of Pei Partnership Architects in collaboration with Quadrangle Architects, the tower will soar 50 storeys up from a six-storey podium.

The tower itself is canted on the podium creating maximum distance from the neighbouring building while creating distinctive spaces for outdoor amenities on the seventh floor. One of its most distinguishing features is the beautifully articulated balconies.

At ground level, the façade is brought right to the street giving a unique experience to retail tenants and residents in



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the podium suites. The Yonge Street pedestrian entrance has a clear sightline through the elegant lobby, which takes shape above the sloped roof of the underground garage.

2221 Yonge offers a host of amenities such as Halo, a 56th-floor lounge in the sky, as well as a fireplace lounge, a cabana with barbecue areas, private dining and what aims to be Toronto's finest residential spa, a resort-inspired, three-pool oasis. The light-infused suite layouts are designed by Munge Leung and include one, two and three-bedroom floor plans, including some designs with dens, starting at \$199,900.

Vaughan-based developer Empire Communities is launching a new condominium project along the Eglinton West corridor. The HUB, their latest residential property,

occupies a prime location, rising 16 storeys at the corner of Oakwood and Eglinton Avenue. "The HUB will be the first of its kind in the area: A sleek mid-rise condominium community, directly on the Eglinton Crosstown LRT, in a neighborhood on the brink of an exciting evolution," says Dan Guizzetti, president and CEO of Empire Communities.

All suites and townhomes will feature private balconies or terraces and soaring nine-foot ceilings. The sleek kitchens come complete with a stainless steel appliance package, custom-designed contemporary cabinetry, polished granite countertops and glass tile backsplashes. The bathrooms boast custom-designed cultured marble sinks, deep soaker tubs and glass shower stalls.

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ing neighborhoods and Eglinton West is at an exciting juncture," adds Guizzetti. "Buyers who choose The HUB will have the unique opportunity to take advantage of this up-

and-coming neighborhood and be part of its richness and energy." The HUB is comprised of 220 suites and seven townhomes with prices starting in the low \$200,000s.