

Driving magic off Queen

The recent OMB decision regarding Queen West's Art & Design District (NOW, January 18-24) has taught me a lot. Now I get it.

I need a friend to get me a job where I can have final say on development projects. Whoever does the best job of enticing me can do what they want with whatever piece of land they like.

It'd be great. Nobody could tell me otherwise. The city would be powerless. Even if the whole neighbourhood banded together, I'd reign supreme. I'd collect lots of cash from really rich people and be wined and dined like nobody's business. Who do I have to sleep with for that to happen?

I thought honesty and creativity were the ways to go – spread wonderful art and help people. But what's the point of that? If I did do that, the developers would come and gentrify my area anyway because I helped make it cool. And cool sells, don't you know? We can make a whole lot of money and drive all the magic right out of Toronto. Isn't that what we wanted?

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