

# Parkdale CLT Newsletter #2

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## From Parkdale:

Happy new year! The year of 2013 is going to be a very exciting year for Parkdale's Community Land Trust. The first item is a community presentation on "Democratic Governance model for Community Land Trust in Parkdale".

A Community Land Trust is an innovative model that establishes community ownership of land and local democratic control over that land for the benefit of local community. A CLT can also be a vehicle to promote democratic planning decision-making over local land use because of its unique 1/3 governance model to ensure local representation from diverse community stakeholders and local control. But 'the local' does not always mean 'democratic', and thus crucial questions arise: How can we ensure democratic governance and participatory processes that fairly represent and balance the diverse and conflicting interests of residents in Parkdale-High-Park area?

To tackle the complex question, a group of graduate students from University of Toronto's Planning Program undertook a research project exploring experiences of other Community Land Trusts as well as innovative participatory planning practices from elsewhere. In this event, the group will present their findings on how other CLTs are governed in practice and offer recommendations for building an equitable and sustainable governance model for Parkdale-High-Park area.

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Date: January 10th (Thursday)

Time: 6pm – 7:30pm

Location: PARC (1499 Queen Street West)

RSVP: <http://www.eventbrite.ca/event/5023429212>

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We will also introduce the transitional board of directors from various organizations that

represent the diverse community members in the Parkdale area. And after the presentation by the group of students, we hope to have community discussion to think about how recommended strategies would work in Parkdale-High Park area.