

Balcony love, Globe and Mail Letter to the Editor, June 24, 2013

Re Down With Balconies (June 20): I live in a grove of older downtown apartment and condominium buildings. In my neighbourhood, we celebrate summer and fall with revolving balcony parties. We have flowers, herbs and vegetable gardens on our balconies. So why is my neighbourhood just the opposite of what is expounded upon in the article?

The older buildings are surrounded by landscaped lawns and trees, and not built up to the edge of the sidewalk. The balconies are wider and deeper, allowing for furniture and container pots. Best of all, they are not all glass. We are not perched outside in a fishbowl with room only for two chairs.

If developers didn't cover every inch of the property with their towers and gave buyers a building with good-sized balconies and landscaped property, more people would be using their balconies like a downtown verandah.

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