Protecting the Future of Ontario Place - by Councillor Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton

* Notice of this Motion has been given.
* This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.

Recommendations
Councillor Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Province of Ontario to work with and consult the City of Toronto on any potential future redevelopment of Ontario Place, in the spirit of the Memorandum of Understanding signed by both parties regarding collaboration on such matters.

2. City Council request the Province of Ontario to conduct a robust and open consultation process regarding any potential future redevelopment of Ontario Place, including but not limited to public consultations and online engagement.

Summary
Ontario Place is a critical part of our City and our Province. These treasured lands represent a crucial public asset that has served the public for decades, and an asset that must be respected. In our rapidly growing City, access to public land for the public good must continue to be a critical priority.

Recently, the Provincial Government announced the dissolution of the governing body of Ontario Place and indicated their intention to move forward with a future redevelopment of the Ontario Place lands.

Any potential changes to Ontario Place must be made in the public interest and must include a rigorous public consultation process. Ontario place is for all Ontarians and its future must be discussed and decided in public.

Given the importance of such a critical public asset, the City of Toronto and local communities must be involved in any discussions related to the future of Ontario place.

Background Information (City Council)
Member Motion MM1.4