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Subject: My comments for 2019.MM9.22 on July 16, 2019 City Council
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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the July 16, 2019 City Council meeting on item 2019.MM9.22, Heritage Evaluation Request for "The Oculus" in South Humber Park - by Councillor Mark Grimes, seconded by Councillor Frances Nunziata

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Comments:

I am writing on behalf to the Etobicoke York Community Preservation Panel to express our strong support for Councillor Grimes' motion for a Heritage Evaluation of "the Oculus" in South Humber Park.

Designed in 1958 by British-born architect Alan Crossley and consulting engineer Laurence Cazaly, the space age washroom and shelter in South Humber Park is a delightful example of the exuberant architecture created across North America during the 1950s and 60s. The acoustics of the structure are outstanding for an audience for both speech and music. The site blends old fieldstone with modern architecture to create a memorable location. The structure, one of Toronto's youngest historical buildings, represents the post war modernist period, which is much under represented on the Toronto Heritage Register.

Following push back from the community, Parks and Recreation put their plans for the Oculus on hold waiting for a heritage evaluation from Heritage Preservation Services in 2016. We think the time has come for that evaluation to be carried out and that it will recommend that the Oculus at least be listed and better yet be designated and put on the Toronto Heritage Register.

Thank you.

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