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City Councillor | Ward 10, Spadina-Fort York

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Toronto and East York Community Council
City Hall, Committee Room 1
100 Queen St W
Toronto ON M5H 2N2

Dear Chair and Members,

Re: Striking a Sub-committee on Ontario Place

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, it is incumbent on us to provide an opportunity for residents of Toronto to share their thoughts on the future of Ontario Place, and be part of the discussion.

Recommendations:

Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. That Toronto East York Community Council establish a sub-committee, comprised of the Councillors from Wards 4, 10, 11, and 14, to hear from the public regarding the Province of Ontario's intention to redevelop Ontario Place, and that the Director, Community Planning, in consultation with other relevant City staff, report to the first meeting of this sub-committee in February 2019 on the history, ownership and current status of Ontario Place.

Sincerely,

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