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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: Developing principles 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.

On January 15, 2019, Toronto and East York Community Council approved my motion to strike a sub-committee on Ontario Place, and directed City Planning staff to report to the first meeting of the sub-committee on the history, ownership and current status of Ontario Place.

The subcommittee will be meeting on March 5th. As the City has significant interests both with respect to land ownership and the future of the Ontario Place lands, it is critical that staff outline recommended principles to consider for the redevelopment of Ontario Place.

Recommendations:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council request the Director, Community Planning, to include as part of the report to the March 5th meeting of the Subcommittee on Ontario Place, recommended principles that should inform the redevelopment of Ontario Place.

Sincerely,

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