



May 31, 2021

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Attention: Cathrine Regan
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Re: EX24.3 Ontario Place Redevelopment Update

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of the Executive Committee

The Federation of North Toronto Residents Associations represents over 30 residents associations in Midtown, North Toronto and North York.

We strongly support the efforts of the City to insert itself in the provincial process and provide for a cooperative, transparent, and publicly engaged process going forward. We remain very disappointed with the provincial approach with its restricted commercial focus, and lack of public engagement to date.

Relevant to this submission, FoNTRA is a member of Waterfront for All, which understands that the Toronto Waterfront is a special resource for all residents, where-ever they live in the City. Public access and uses along the waterfront are essential, as well as access to the water itself.

We support the key principles noted in the staff report that Ontario Place must be for all, and be publicly accessible, and that before any changes, there must be a thoughtful, comprehensive public review, with a full and robust public consultation. The revitalization of Ontario Place must be driven by the public, not commercial interest, maintain Ontario Place as part of Toronto's Waterfront Park system, be integrated with the revitalization of Exhibition Place, celebrate Ontario, preserve the heritage landscape including the Cinesphere, the Pods and the newly added Trillium Park, as well as acknowledge the Waterfront's Indigenous heritage, as well as the more specific goals listed in the report.

Yours truly,

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Co-Chair, FoNTRA

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