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City Councillor | Ward 10, Spadina-Fort York

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CreateTO Board of Directors

Support for Advancing the Revitalization of the Wellington Destructor

Dear Chair and Directors,

The Wellington Destructor is a landmark heritage building near Bathurst Street and Wellington Street West that was built in 1925 as a garbage incinerator and has sat vacant since the 1980s. Today, we have a tremendous opportunity to finally revitalize the City-owned Wellington Destructor building and lands to become a dynamic hub for the rapidly growing community of residents, workers, and visitors around it, and a destination for all Torontonians. I am writing to express my strong support for moving forward with this long overdue revitalization.

Former local Councillor Mike Layton hosted a public meeting on the future re-use of the Wellington Destructor building in 2017, leading the following year to the start of the current procurement process by the City of Toronto to seek a long-term partner to help bring this site back to life according to principles determined with the community, including:

- Creating a local community hub with a vibrant mix of activities,
- Preserving the heritage building, and
- Implementing design excellence and environmental sustainability.

I have been working with CreateTO staff to plan for a public meeting on the Wellington Destructor to be held this October, well before any decision-making by City Council on the recommended next steps. It is important that the public, neighbours, and stakeholders are engaged as collaborative partners all along the way, and I look forward to soon being able to promote the details of the October public meeting.

After 35 year of disuse, now is the time to bring life back to the Wellington Destructor, and restore this nearly century-old landmark to public service once again. Rather than burning garbage, the building can be a vibrant destination and a welcoming community hub. Let's take these next steps together to build the kind of city and communities we want to be our proud legacy for the next 100 years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Cressy', with a long, sweeping underline.

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