



April 19, 2023

To: Chair Pasternak, Vice-Chair Holyday, Councillors Bravo, Cheng, Matlow, and Perks of the General Government Committee

From: Walk Toronto, Steering Committee

Re: Item GG.3.20 Ontario Place Redevelopment – Declaration of Surplus

Walk Toronto requests that the general Government Committee reject the recommendation by the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management to declare the land and water parcels at Ontario Place as surplus before advancing a land swap with the Provincial government.

Recent announcements from the provincial government regarding redevelopment of the Ontario Place land have been fraught with poor public consultation. In addition, the public consultation hosted by the city over the past weekend revealed a groundswell of public opposition. Furthermore, the question of how to proceed has become an issue in the ongoing mayoral election, with candidates proposing very different approaches to how these City lands are used. With no elected sitting mayor, Walk Toronto believes it is inappropriate at this time to make a decision of such significance as declaring surplus these land and water parcels that are integral to the provincial plan.

This is a decision that should be deferred until Toronto City Council has a duly elected mayor.

Thank you for considering our submission,

Lee Scott,  
On behalf of Walk Toronto, Steering Committee

***Walk Toronto is a grassroots pedestrian advocacy group that works with various levels of government, community groups and citizens to improve walking conditions and safety in Toronto.***