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Toronto City Hall  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2  
Attention: Sylwia Przewdziecki

**MM8.4 Protecting the Science Centre to Support Thorncliffe and Flemingdon Park - by Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Jon Burnside**

Dear Mayor Olivia Chow and Members of Council,

This is to express FoNTRA's strong opposition to the Provincial government's proposed move of the Ontario Science Centre to a much smaller location at Ontario Place, a decision made in the absence of consultation with the public, the local community, and the City of Toronto. This decision demonstrates a remarkable degree of contempt for the Thorncliffe/Flemingdon/Don Mills community and the entire City of Toronto.

As such we are in strong support of the Councillors' Motion that recommends that:

1. City Council request the City Manager, in consultation with appropriate City Divisions and Agencies, to report to the Executive Committee in the third quarter of 2023 on the future of the Ontario Science Centre, including:
  - a. provincial requirements, if any, in the lease with the City to operate the Ontario Science Centre, or other public-facing attraction at the Don Mills and Eglinton site; and
  - b. the feasibility of the City operating the Science Centre at its current location, including an assessment of potential revenues from event rentals.

This decision is clearly contrary to the best interests of the community and the City, and frankly is bizarre, coming as it does just as the Eglinton Crosstown LRT and the aptly named "Science Centre" station is about to make the attraction more accessible to the entire city.

We agree that the City of Toronto has an obligation to explore all possible means to keep the Science Centre at its current location.

Yours truly,

Geoff Kettel  
Co-Chair, FoNTRA

Cathie Macdonald  
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