



July 17, 2023

Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

RE: MM8.4 Protecting the Science Centre to Support Thorncliffe and Flemingdon Park (Ward All)

Dear Mayor Chow and Members of City Council,

Save Ontario's Science Centre (SOSC) is a grassroots group dedicated to keeping the Science Centre open in the Flemingdon Park and Thorncliffe Park community for all Ontarians to enjoy.

SOSC's membership is growing and, inclusive of Flemingdon Park and Thorncliffe Park families, now extends across the City of Toronto and beyond to places like Oakville, Peterborough, Ottawa, and even Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

SOSC strongly supports the recommendations of MM8.4 to study the feasibility of the City taking over the operation of the Science Centre at its current location from the Province.

The Science Centre is a world leader in science and nature educational programming. Its location at Don Mills Road and Eglinton Avenue East, its only home since 1969, has been a destination for nearly 55 years and has inspired generations of young people from all over the world to become scientists, educators, and innovators.

For Flemingdon Park and Thorncliffe Park, the Science Centre is a point of pride for its unique and accessible educational opportunities; for the local jobs and livelihoods that it provides; and for its leading role as an important cultural destination alongside the Aga Khan Museum, the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, and the beautiful Don Valley.

The Province has confirmed that its science pavilion at Ontario Place will be half the size of the current Science Centre with no direct rapid transit connection. By contrast, two lines will be in operation at the Flemingdon Park site in the coming years: Eglinton Crosstown and Ontario Line.

We encourage Toronto City Council to unite unanimously behind MM8.4 to explore the opportunities for the City of Toronto to save the Science Centre and ensure its vitality for future generations.

Thank you,

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<https://SaveScienceCentre.wordpress.com>