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Toronto City Hall
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**RE: 2023.MM8.4 Protecting the Ontario Science Centre to Support
Thorncliffe and Flemingdon Park**

Dear Mayor Chow and Members of City Council:

I am writing as Co-President of the Leaside Residents Association (LRA), to express our Board's unanimous support for the recommendations of 2023.MM8.4. We support keeping the Ontario Science Centre at its present Don Mills Road/Eglinton Avenue location.

LRA also urges the City to consider taking over the operation of the Science Centre, to retain it as an oasis for science and nature education.

The Science Centre is presently located for maximum accessibility to public transit, it offers educational opportunities to the Flemingdon and Thorncliffe communities, as well as an important local source of employment.

The building itself is internationally praised for its heritage value. To demolish it would be an international embarrassment, particularly since the Province's decision to do so was made without consultation of any kind.

The LRA urges Toronto City Council to support 2023.MM8.4. To relocate the Science Centre would be a terrific waste of funds, and the negative impact on its surrounding community would be immense.

Thank you,

Carol Burtin Fripp,
Co-President,
Leaside Residents Association