



DON MILLS RESIDENTS INC.

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

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,

DMRI community strongly opposes the Provincial government's proposed move of the Ontario Science Centre to a much smaller location at Ontario Place. Our area is undergoing rapid changes with unprecedented increase in density along Eglinton, Leslie, Don Mills and York Mills and of course mega developments in Wynford/ Concord and Thorncliffe/ Flemingdon areas and on the "Celestica" land. In view of all these developments, a decision made in the absence of consultation with the public, the local community, and the City of Toronto is particularly shocking as it completely disregards needs of the growing community. Complete communities need green spaces, sport facilities, cultural, educational and social spaces which are easily accessible for local community as well as for the entire City (the existing Science Center is located on the Eglinton Crosstown LRT). We cannot afford to lose what exists and is well used by the community.

Councillors' motion is calling on the City of Toronto Council to exercise its accountability to all Torontonians by exploring means to keep the Science Centre at its current location. We fully support their motion and hope for more public consultations.

Yours truly,

Vera Straka, DMRI Board
Submitted on the behalf of DMRI Board

CC: Premier Doug Ford
Toronto MPPs