



July 18, 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

Dear Mayor Chow and City Councillors,

Established in Thorncliffe Park in the 1980s, the Leaside Towers Tenants Association (LTTA) is a volunteer, resident-led group that represents the 2,500 Torontonians residing at 85 and 95 Thorncliffe Park Drive on concerns relating to their rental apartment tenancies, as well as matters of broader importance to the Thorncliffe Park community.

Our community was shocked and disappointed by Premier Ford's announcement to demolish the Ontario Science Centre by December 2025 and relocate it to a much smaller science pavilion with greatly reduced programming, at great and unnecessary expense to taxpayers.

The Ontario Science Centre continues to attract wonderful neighbours from all over the world to live in our community. We have so many families in our buildings, who have young children with curious minds who love visiting the Science Centre. Their parents love it too because it is educational, fun, and accessible. Its move to Ontario Place would make it less accessible and cost effective for both families and our school system requiring bus rentals to transport student groups. Many of our young people wouldn't be able to enjoy the new science pavilion because it is simply getting more difficult and more unaffordable to visit downtown all the time.

The Leaside Towers Tenants Association (LTTA) of Thorncliffe Park fully supports councillors Matlow and Burnside's motion. Please vote in favour of MM8.4 to protect the Science Centre.

Thank you,

Judith Scolnik
Secretary, Leaside Towers Tenants Association