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Toronto East York Community Council
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
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Re: TE4.36 - Ontario Place - Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment

Dear Chair Perks and members of Toronto East York Community Council,

Since 2009, Cycle Toronto has been helping the City and its residents to reimagine their views and perceptions of the public realm and to discover the affordability, practicality and enjoyment of getting around by bike. During the various Covid-19 lockdowns we all had to adjust to life during the pandemic. A result of this time was the rediscovery of our park spaces and nature trails. This growth in use, paired with the City's successful and innovative ActiveTO program and forecasted population growth is contributing to increasing the demand for our parks.

We support the calls of Ontario Place for All to have the current development application significantly modified and call on our municipal leadership to demand that the Province produce a plan that better serves people of all ages, abilities and incomes.

Ontario Place is one of the jewels of our waterfront. As a free, open and accessible park that resides along our western lakeshore, it is a popular destination for those seeking fresh air and respite from an increasingly crowded city. Besides which, it is a much loved architectural treasure that provides a myriad of recreational, social and sporting options to those seeking access to safe public space for the growing number of people walking, jogging, biking, e-biking, and using other micro mobility devices.

We are writing to share our concerns regarding the proposed development of Therme's Mega Spa, which is not aligned with either Toronto's Official Plan, or the Central Waterfront Secondary Plan which has governed Toronto's waterfront for more than a couple decades. **Cycle Toronto shares the growing concern that Ontarians, for whom the park was built, will soon lose access should the province replace our public realm with privately owned corporations.**

Thank you for your consideration on this important issue.

Sincerely,



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Cycle Toronto is a member-supported non-profit organization that works to make Toronto a safe, healthy, and vibrant cycling city for all.