



June 25, 2024

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

**MM19.25 An Update on Work to Protect the Science Centre and Support Thorncliffe and Flemingdon Park - by Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Jon Burnside (Ward 12)**

Dear Mayor Olivia Chow and Members of City Council,

This is to confirm our **strong support** for the above noted Motion. However, beyond this motion we express our objection, shock and concern with the Ontario government's decision of June 21st to abruptly, rashly, and permanently close the Ontario Science Centre (OSC), which makes imperative a reassessment of the City's position on the whole matter of the future of the OSC.

We agree with the Motion's core statement that "the City of Toronto has an obligation to explore all possible means to keep the Science Centre at its current location". Given the Ontario government's heightened efforts to expedite the move we also recommend that

- **City Council object in the strongest possible terms to the Ontario government regarding the immediate closure of the Ontario Science Centre, and reiterate its position that the OSC must be preserved.**

Finally, we appreciate, support and recommend to your attention the clear statement of rationale for preservation submitted to City Council on this item, by Moriyama Teshima, legacy firm of Raymond Moriyama<sup>1</sup>.

Yours truly,

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<sup>1</sup> (June 25, 2024) Letter from Katie Weber, Director of Marketing, Moriyama Teshima Architects (MM.New)  
<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/comm/communicationfile-181105.pdf>

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