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TORONTO PRESERVATION BOARD

PB18.7 - 123 Wynford Drive - Refusal of Application for Alterations to the Attributes and Demolition of a Building and Heritage Attributes on a Designated Heritage Property Under Part IV, Sections 33 and 34 of the Ontario Heritage Act

To Whom It May Concern:

Save Ontario's Science Centre (Save OSC) is a non-partisan, grassroots group dedicated to keeping the Science Centre open in Flemingdon and Thorncliffe Park for all Ontarians to enjoy.

As members of the preservation board are aware, the original Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre at 123 Wynford Drive and the Ontario Science Centre at 770 Don Mills Road; both recognized as significant works of the late architect Raymond Moriyama and of 20th century Canadian architecture generally, represent the figurative book ends that frame one of Toronto's most important cultural corridors that also include the current JCCC, the Aga Khan Museum and Park, as well as the Toronto Ismaili Centre.

123 Wynford Drive is culturally significant to the Japanese Canadian community and represents a landmark moment in Canada's growth as a nation.

Locally in Ward 16 Don Valley East, 123 Wynford Drive is a much-loved building that plays an important role in community placemaking, defining the neighbourhoods of Wynford-Concorde, Don Mills, and Flemingdon Park.

Save OSC requests the Toronto Preservation Board accept the recommendation of Heritage Planning and recommend that City Council refuse the application under Sections 33 and 34 of the Ontario Heritage Act to alter the property's heritage attributes and demolish a building and heritage attributes, respectively, on the significant property at 123 Wynford Drive in connection with a development proposal to construct two new residential towers.

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