March 24, 2026

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

RE: MM39.51 Fighting for Ontario Place and Ontario's Democracy –
by Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik (Ward All)

Dear Mayor Chow and Members of City Council,

The Federation of North Toronto Residents Associations is a community organization which represents over 35 resident associations in North Toronto and North York, and works to bring forward a coordinated and informed perspective on the City's land use and transportation issues affecting the neighbourhoods and the City.

We are strongly in support of the Member's Motion:

- City Council authorize the City Solicitor to bring a motion seeking leave to intervene in the appeal of Ontario Place Protectors v. His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario and Attorney General of Ontario, case number 41805, before the Supreme Court of Canada, and to intervene in the appeal if granted leave by the Court.

The passing of the Rebuilding Ontario Place Act (ROPA) will have significant implications for Toronto. It immunizes the Provincial government from any "remedy in contract, restitution, tort, misfeasance, bad faith, trust or fiduciary obligation, any equitable remedy or any remedy under any statute". ROPA also exempts the government from any responsibilities under the Environmental Assessment Act. We understand that the City has one last opportunity to fight the legislation - at the Supreme Court.

We agree with Councillors Matlow and Malik that this last opportunity is about protecting the rule of law in our City and Province. The legislation is a direct threat to our democracy – stripping away the public's rights, eliminating transparency, and shielding government decisions from legal accountability. And Torontonians deserve to be represented in this case.

We urge City Council to adopt the Motion.

Yours truly,

Geoff Kettel

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Co-Chair, FoNTRA

Cc: Rick Green, Chair, FoSTRA

The Federation of North Toronto Residents' Associations (FoNTRA) is a non-profit, volunteer organization comprised of over 35 member organizations. Its members, all residents' associations, include at least 250,000 Toronto residents within their boundaries. The residents' associations that make up FoNTRA believe that Ontario and Toronto can and should achieve better development. Its central issue is not *whether* Toronto will grow, but *how*. FoNTRA believes that sustainable urban regions are characterized by environmental balance, fiscal viability, infrastructure investment and social renewal.