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**Re: MM39.51 — Fighting for Ontario Place and Ontario’s Democracy**

Dear Councillor Matlow, Deputy Mayor Malik, Mayor Chow and members of Toronto City Council,

On behalf of Ontario Place for All, we are writing to express our strong support for the City of Toronto acting as an intervenor at the Supreme Court of Canada in the legal challenge against the Province of Ontario regarding the Rebuilding Ontario Place Act (ROPA).

The Province’s current approach to redevelopment, enabled by the Rebuilding Ontario Place Act, raises serious concerns about transparency, environmental oversight, and the long-term public interest.

As the level of government closest to the people most directly affected, the City of Toronto has both a legitimate interest and a civic responsibility to participate in this case. The Act, as you know, explicitly overrides the *Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993*, the *Ontario Heritage Act*, and eliminates the power of the City of Toronto to enforce noise bylaws with respect to noise emitted from the Ontario Place site. It also overrides the *Environmental Assessment Act*, and notably, exempts work that is *not* carried out at the site including “establishing, changing or retiring water works or sewage works” (s 9(1)(2)(i) of ROPA) — a proviso that directly impacts our drinking water.

Acting as an intervenor would allow the City to bring forward critical perspectives on planning, environmental protection, waterfront access, and the preservation of public land for future generations.

This is not merely a legal matter; it is a defining moment for how decisions directly impacting Toronto and its residents are made. The outcome of this case could set a lasting precedent for municipal involvement in provincially driven developments within city boundaries. **Toronto's voice must be heard to ensure that local priorities, public consultation, and environmental safeguards are not sidelined.**

We urge City Council to take this important step and stand with residents, community groups, and stakeholders who are advocating for a more transparent, accountable, and sustainable future for Ontario Place and the City of Toronto.

Thank you for your leadership and your commitment to protecting Toronto.

Sincerely,

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Co-Chairs, Ontario Place for All

*About Ontario Place for All*

[Ontario Place for All](#) is a grassroots organization that wants to ensure Ontario Place redevelopment follows core principles of waterfront revitalization.