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To: Toronto City Council

Subject: Support for Report - Reimagining the Future of the former Ontario Science Centre (770 Don Mills Rd)

Dear Mayor Chow and Members of City Council,

We are writing on behalf of Go Green Youth Centre to express our strong support for the report, *Reimagining the Future of the former Ontario Science Centre*, being presented to Council on July 30th.

GGYC is primarily located at Valley Park Middle School, often recognized as Canada's largest middle school (grades 6-8), approximately 5-10 minutes away from the former Science Centre location. We manage the Go Green Cricket & Sports Field, Canada's first illuminated cricket and sports field in partnership with the Toronto District School Board. For nearly 15 years, our organization has been a neighbour of the Science Centre and have conducted field trips and other excursions as a local organization.

As an organization rooted in empowering youth through education, recreation, and sports, with a growing focus on environmental stewardship given our proximity to the Don Valley, we strongly support keeping the former building dedicated to public, educational, and recreational use. The community feedback clearly reflects what we see every day: local families and youth urgently need spaces for hands-on learning, cultural activities, and safe access to our ravine green spaces. This is very evident as we are currently delivering our 2026 Summer Sports & Education Camp, serving Flemingdon Park and Thorncliffe Park with 184 kids, 59 volunteer leaders-in-training, 25 youth coaches, and 2 full-time staff members. We currently have 171 youth between the ages of 7 and 18 on our summer 2026 waitlists.

We urge City Council to adopt this report and take the necessary next steps with provincial and federal partners to preserve this architectural landmark and restore it for public enjoyment.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to our community.

Sincerely,

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