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

**RE: MM43.73 - Reimagining the Future of the Former Ontario Science Centre
Public Consultation Report - by Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor
Jon Burnside**

Dear Mayor Olivia Chow and Members of City Council,

The above captioned Member Motion recommends that the report presenting the findings of a community engagement process undertaken to re-imagine the future of the former Ontario Science Centre site at 770 Don Mills Road be received for information. Informed by the public feedback, the report puts forward a community-informed vision for the site's revitalization, re-opening, and return to public use.

In April 2023, the Provincial government announced its decision to relocate the Ontario Science Centre to the waterfront, and in June 2024 it abruptly closed the building. The purpose of the community engagement was not to revisit the relocation decision, (which in our opinion was unnecessary and regrettable), or to evaluate specific redevelopment proposals. Rather, the process sought to identify the public values, priorities, and principles that should guide the future of this significant public asset, and to consider how its educational, environmental, cultural, architectural, and civic contributions can continue to serve communities across Toronto and Ontario. Key themes that emerged included continued public use of the site, multiple purposes including learning and discovery, access to the ravine and surrounding green space, the architectural significance of the building, and priorities for community and cultural programming.

We appreciate and strongly support the initiative of Save Ontario's Science Centre, Moriyama Teshima Architects, together with Councillor Josh Matlow, and Councillor Jon Burnside.

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