

Dear Premier Ford and Minister MacLeod,

I am writing to you to let you know the whole world is watching what your government does with Ontario Place.

This week, the World Monuments Fund put Ontario Place on its 2020 World Monuments Watch list. The Fund is concerned that a lack of vision and commitment to preserving the unique character of the site poses a daunting threat to its future.

I agree with the World Monuments Fund. I fear current plans could see the wanton destruction on this internationally celebrated jewel on the shores of Lake Ontario. 1.4 million people visited Ontario Place last year (not counting the Budweiser Stage and Echo Beach), enjoying Trillium Park, walking the William G. Davis trail and watching classic movies at the Cinesphere. That's more people than visit the CN Tower.

The decision to put Ontario Place on the 2020 World Monuments Watch list gives new urgency to my concern that your government is deciding the future of Ontario Place behind closed doors.

So, I am calling on you, once again, to release all the redevelopment proposals you have received from private developers and have meaningful consultations with the public before any decisions are made about this 155-acre public asset.

Ontario Place is such an important piece of our Ontario heritage that we, the public deserve nothing less.

I look forward to your response

[your-name] [your email]

Supporting the Ontario Place for All core principles:

- Ontario Place must be for ALL and kept publicly accessible.
- Before any changes, there must be a thoughtful, comprehensive public review, with a full and robust public consultation.
- Public interest, not commercial interest must drive the new vision.
- No casino.
- Future plans must:
 - o acknowledge the waterfront's Indigenous heritage.
 - o maintain Ontario Place as part of Toronto's waterfront park system.
 - o be integrated with the revitalization of Exhibition Place.
 - o celebrate Ontario.
 - o preserve Ontario Place as a recognized cultural heritage landscape including the Cinesphere, the Pods and the newly added Trillium Park.