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As a member and supporter of Ontario Place For All, I am writing to ask you to consult the public about what they would like to see at Ontario Place.

I am encouraged the Government of Ontario has asked the three finalists to rework their proposals and has promised that the City of Toronto will have a major say on what will happen to the lakeside park and heritage site. But this opportunity will be wasted if there is not an open and transparent consultation with the public.

I do not understand why there are two standards for Toronto's waterfront. The world-class consultation process at Waterfront Toronto has produced some iconic developments, including Sugar Beach, the West Don Lands with Corktown Common, and the Don River Naturalization and Flood Protection Plan. Yet, when it comes to the future of one of the most valuable pieces of property in Canada, everything is being done behind closed doors.

One thing the Covid-19 pandemic has taught us is that communities across the province do not have enough open and accessible parkland where people can gather safely. Now is not the time to turn parkland over to private developers who will be using it for private profit.

Ontario Place was recently cited by the World Monuments Fund as one of the 25 critically endangered heritage sites from around the world. Both [Ontario Place For All](#) and the [City of Toronto](#) have set out the principles they believe should guide the future development of what should be the jewel of Toronto's waterfront.

The public must be involved in the discussion of the public's property.