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Premier of Ontario

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As a member and supporter of Ontario Place for All, I am asking you hold off on any further development of Ontario Place and hold a proper public consultation about its future.

The announcement that three businesses, Écorécréo, Therme and Live Nation, will shape the future of Ontario Place is putting the cart before the horse. Private companies, working for their own profit, should not be shaping the future of Ontario Place. There must first be a publicly-developed Master Plan to ensure that any future projects are aligned with the public vision and values of Ontario Place. The Master Plan must include a comprehensive blueprint to ensure the conservation of all its heritage aspects, including the pods and Cinesphere, parks and landscaping. It makes no sense to secure contracts with the current proponents until the Master Plan and all requirements that go with that are completed.

I feel the government has been insincere in offering a limited and deceptive public engagement on the future of Ontario Place.

- The process did not ask me whether I think these three commercial proposals are the kind of future Ontarians envisioned for Ontario Place.
- The process did not ask me whether I agree that putting 10 acres of land under glass to create an artificial tropical environment for paying customers is the best way of celebrating and serving Ontarians.
- The process did not ask me whether these ventures are uniquely suited to take advantage of the water's edge location or whether they are generic attractions that could be located elsewhere in Toronto or the GTA.

There should be an opportunity to provide real alternatives, not an artificial checking of boxes slanted to tell your story your way. The crucial decisions continue to be made behind closed doors without respect for Ontarians.

I know when consultation is authentic and meaningful. Waterfront Toronto, jointly created by the province and the other two governments, has demonstrated an approach to master planning that has resulted in spectacular revitalization of the waterfront and high levels of public support. Waterfront Toronto worked in tandem with Infrastructure Ontario in taking parking lots and transforming them into what is now Trillium Park and William G. Davis Trail. Why has Waterfront Toronto not been asked to assist the province in developing a Master Plan for Ontario Place?

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 should not be shut out of the discussion of what I want to remind you is their property.

Respectfully,

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