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## **Come Clean on Downsview Park, Feds. Give it to Toronto**

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**DOWNSVIEW** - Councillor Maria Augimeri (Ward9-York Centre) is calling on the federal government to come clean on the federally-owned Downsview Park.

Augimeri is responding to a secret memo which revealed that the federal government was advised to give Downsview Park to the City of Toronto.

"Downsview Park deserves a vision not the misdirection, indecision and secret schemes we have learned to expect from the federal government" said Augimeri. "Stop selling our park land. Either keep your promise to create 'Canada's first urban park' or hand it over to the City" she added.

Downsview Park is the last remaining large open space in Toronto, made up of mature wood lots, open green space, recreation areas and commercial space .

"We see huge potential here, but all the federal government sees is dollar signs" said Councillor Augimeri. "It is time to set Downsview free from the federal government and its provincial enablers. Give it to Toronto." she said.

Councillor Augimeri called on the Minister of Public Works, Diane Finley to:

1. Halt the secret discussions and publicly disclose all documents and decisions related to the future of our park. The federal government will have the first opportunity to do so this Wednesday, April 23 at a public meeting on the future of this park.
2. Immediately direct CLC to begin the process to transfer ownership of all Downsview Park lands (except those required by DND) to the City of Toronto.

Additionally, Councillor Augimeri called on concerned Torontonians to sign up at [www.SetDownsviewFree.com](http://www.SetDownsviewFree.com) and learn more about how they can help give Downsview Park to Toronto.

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