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**Subject:** Delegation Requesting to speak at RHDDO Park Project steering Committee meeting on Oct.30th

Dear Sirs,

DDO Defenders wishes to speak at the Richmond Hill David Dunlap Observatory Park Project Steering Committee meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023. We wish to address the Committee via Zoom.

DDOD would like clarification about what the Committee understands and its thoughts in response to the consultant's recommendation to "decommission" the Radio Shack Building. The Radio Shack Building is one of the visible remains of the Observatory's identified Heritage attributes. Recall that the DDO played a significant role in furthering our understanding of the cosmos through Radio Astronomy. We believe the Radio Shack, if to be removed, needs to be replaced with a similar building that can serve to enlighten and inspire the Public about this important component of the Observatory.

DDOD would also appreciate clarification about the status of restorations WITHIN the 74-inch Dome and Administration Building, as Table 3 in SRIES.23.007 implies that ALL work in restoring these buildings has now been completed.

Sincerely,

--Dr. Ian Shelton, DDO Defenders Chair