

His Worship John Tory
Mayor of Toronto, and
Members of City Council
Office of the Mayor
City Hall, 2nd Floor
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

January 29, 2021

Dear Mayor John Tory and Toronto City Councilors,

I am writing to you today to express Centennial College's support for the re-designation of lands as proposed in the Settlement Agreement for Downsview.

Centennial College is committed to the vision of transforming lives and communities, and we are proud that our aerospace and aviation campus is located at Downsview. Our Downsview campus facilitates the College's long-running Aviation Technician programs and provides a cutting-edge learning space for a number of programs in Aerospace Manufacturing, delivered by our School of Engineering Technology and Applied Science. As such, this proposal and continued initiatives that promote the revitalization of the Downsview area and its establishment as a global hub for aerospace innovation are welcome and strongly supported by Centennial College.

The land-use conversion being proposed by Northcrest Developments and Canada Lands Company presents an inspiring reimagining of our local community. I am encouraged that the plan focuses on attracting new employers and developing in-demand employment opportunities for the local community. Furthermore, the emphasis on developing new affordable housing supply, improving the use of transit hubs, and building new community infrastructure such as parks and green spaces assures me that it is a responsible approach and will benefit the local community and the City of Toronto in a significant way.

It is also my understanding that the vital process of communicating with and gathering input from local residents has begun already and that to date, more than eighty local groups and organizations, and hundreds of individuals have contributed their thoughts and ideas through these consultations. The commitment to local engagement and outreach is clear and I am confident that it will continue to be a central part of the project.

I hope City Council will vote in support of this proposal at the upcoming meeting. I look forward to following further developments of this proposal closely and am certain that it will be of great value to our students and faculty, the local Downsview community, and the City of Toronto.

With respect and appreciation,



Shannon Brooks,
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