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Government Management Committee  
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*Sent via email to: gmc@toronto.ca*

Dear Chair Ainslie and Members of the Government Management Committee,

**Re: GM18.5 – Implications of a request to amend the Victoria University Act  
(Ward All)**

Last year, the City of Toronto communicated to Victoria University its concerns about the provincial property tax treatment of properties used for non-educational purposes, as legislated by the Province in the *Victoria University Act*.

Over the past several months, the University has been working closely with City of Toronto staff to seek a resolution to these concerns.

Our task is to identify a solution that will not have an adverse impact on the University or its students. In our view, these challenges can be overcome, and we are actively working towards a solution.

We kindly request that the Committee support the staff recommendation to enable the City and the University to continue negotiations. This recommendation provides the additional time needed for us to work with staff to identify and implement a solution that benefits the City of Toronto and the University, its educational mission and its students.

Thank you again for the opportunity to participate in this decision, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

William Robins  
President, Victoria University