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Attn: His Worship Mayor John Tory and members of Toronto City Council

City Hall 100 Queen St. W. Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

## RE: Ex 33.2 - Expanded Gaming at Woodbine Racetrack

Humber College values its relationship with Woodbine Entertainment Group (Woodbine). Our two organizations share the belief that education is the key to innovation and community development. We are committed to connecting citizens to training and employment opportunities and fostering economic growth through a wide range of initiatives and projects

As a global leader in polytechnic education, with a fifty-year history of providing career-focused programs and training, developing broadly educated, highly skilled and adaptable citizens, Humber has a wide range of industry partners. We recognize Woodbine's active involvement over the years in educational initiatives supporting young people. Its contributions have included work placements and scholarships for students, funding research projects, participating on advisory boards, partnering in program development, and providing equipment for student learning.

Through its proposed expansion, Woodbine is making an important investment in the future of Etobicoke and the entire City of Toronto. This expansion will not only result in a significant number of new jobs; we expect that it will also result in new collaborative opportunities to connect students to new work-integrated learning opportunities and engage in activities designed to support sector-specific talent recruitment strategies.

We are fully supportive of the vision and objectives of Woodbine's expansion plans, and we recommend that Council gives this proposal serious consideration as you continue your work in building a vibrant, connected, and economically strong city.

Sincerely,

Alister Mathieson

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