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**RE: Downsview Land-Use Conversion, Toronto City Council item CC28.10**

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the more than 8,600 members of the Carpenters' Union Local 27 and the Carpenters' District Council of Ontario and its 30,000 members, we would like to express our support for the re-designation of the Downsview lands. We believe strongly that updated land-use designations will help transform this strategic area of the Toronto Region – close to transit, highways and other amenities – and create jobs and economic opportunities now and into the future. We also know that our members could play a key role in a project of this scale and ambition, and would benefit, along with member of the local Downsview community and people across the Toronto area, if development is permitted on these lands.

We have had discussions with the landowners and are persuaded that their approach is the right one: inclusive, responsible and forward-looking. They have a vision that would transform Downsview into one of the leading communities in the region, creating significant benefits: new public infrastructure, much needed housing, new community spaces and jobs and economic opportunities for years to come.

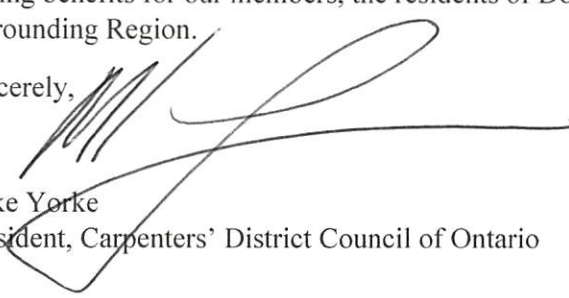
We also understand that this vision will not be realized overnight. But the decision Council is making is the first step to realizing his exciting vision and all of the benefits that will flow from it.

Local 27 continues to advocate for strong wages and safe work environments, which have allowed members of the Carpenters Union to be the most productive workers involved in construction.

The opportunity at Downsview, to us, is one that will allow us to grow in strength and in numbers and continue to be associated with building some of Toronto's most iconic places and structures.

We thank you for your time and considering this important initiative that we are confident will ensure lasting benefits for our members, the residents of Downsview and all the citizens of Toronto and the surrounding Region.

Sincerely,

  
Mike Yorke  
President, Carpenters' District Council of Ontario