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Planning & Housing Committee
City of Toronto
100 Queen Street West,
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

To: Chair, Planning & Housing Committee

RE: PH21.13 – Request to Province on Status and Timing of Funding Commitments for new schools in the Central Waterfront

We are pleased to submit this letter in support of Councillor Cressy's motion to request the Province to identify the status and timing of funding commitment for new schools in the Central Waterfront.

In 2018, Dream, Kilmer and Tricon ("DKT") entered into a 99-year lease with the Province through its Affordable Housing Lands Program to develop more than 2,500 rental units in the West Don Lands, including approximately 700 affordable rental units, as well as more than 300,000 square feet of future office, retail, and community use space. All of the rental units are anticipated to be occupied between 2023 and 2026. At full build out, West Don Lands will be home to over 11,000 residents, including approximately 860 school-aged children.

We put our full endorsement behind the City's efforts to advance construction of the school in a timely manner to meet the current and future needs of the neighbourhood. Children in the West Don Lands are bussed out to Dundas Junior Public School on the east side of the Don River – a condition that is already challenging for families and will become increasingly so as the new buildings are completed. The construction of a new school within the West Don Lands is a critical component to the future of the neighbourhood as a complete, walkable, and resilient community.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter in support of the recommendation. Please feel free to reach out to the undersigned with any questions.

Yours truly

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