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City Clerk's Office Planning and Housing Committee 100 Queen Street West Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

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Dear Chair and Members of the Planning and Housing Committee

We are writing to you, the members of the City of Toronto's Planning and Housing Committee, to express our appreciation and enthusiasm for the process surrounding the review and assessment of our proposed plans for the redevelopment of the lands at Downsview.

As the owners, we at Northcrest Developments ("Northcrest") and Canada Lands Company CLC Limited ("Canada Lands") share joint responsibility for stewarding the redevelopment – and, recognizing its importance to Toronto's future, we take that responsibility very seriously. We wish to thank the committee and City staff for the collaborative and constructive process adopted to date toward this important project.

The proposed framework plan currently being reviewed by Staff has been informed not only by our priorities as the owners and guidance from the City. It also includes the feedback and input generated from three extensive rounds of engagement with the community, including local residents, small businesses, community and neighbourhood groups as well as Indigenous rights holders and stakeholders from across Toronto who recognize the importance of this redevelopment to the city and region as a whole. Drawing on that input and working with staff has directly helped us shape our proposed plans, creating close alignment with stated City priorities from new parks and greenspace, to new homes and affordable housing to the attraction of new jobs and economic growth.

Working through the Update Downsview process as well as our own id8Downsview platform, we plan on continuing this process of rigorous engagement.

We have reviewed the staff report and look forward to advancing the work required. As our proposal proceeds, we look forward to continuing to collaborate with city Staff, drawing on additional public input and advancing the important task of redeveloping Downsview. Thank you.

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