

Dear Deputy Mayor McKelvie and Members of City of Toronto Council,

RE: EX3.1 - Housing Action Plan 2022-2026- Priorities and Work Plan

On behalf of George Brown College, we are writing to you to express our support for the 2022-2026 Housing Action Plan and our commitment to work with the City of Toronto towards a post-secondary housing strategy that addresses the needs of our city. We would also like to update you on activities we are currently advancing for student and workforce housing at George Brown College as a potential model going forward.

George Brown has been an active participant in the “HousingTO Plan and Academic Institutions Working Group” since its inception in 2022. We have appreciated the opportunity to engage directly with the city and our partner Academic Institutions to gather information and explore solutions on the housing needs and demands of students and employees.

Recently, our College established our own Housing Task Force, specifically focused on identifying the housing needs and creating the long-term housing solutions for our students and staff. As well, our Housing Task Force is working to align our own housing plans with the city’s work to address Toronto’s housing challenges in a holistic manner.

Building on the already established partnership and collaboration between our College and the city, we will continue working together with city staff and other key partners to address post-secondary housing needs/strategies alongside larger housing needs in the city.

We would like to thank the city for this ongoing partnership and collaborative opportunity, and we look forward to the ongoing development of a Toronto-focused post-secondary housing strategy.

Sincerely,

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