



April 24, 2024

Economic and Community Development Committee
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen St W
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

RE: April 30, 2024 Committee Meeting, Item EC12.2 Downsview Community Development Plan

Madam Chairperson and members of the Economic and Community Development Committee,

I am writing on behalf of Canada Lands Company, in support of the Downsview Secondary Plan and accompanying reports, including the Downsview Community Development Plan.

Canada Lands Company, an arms-length Federal Crown corporation has responsibility for the planning and development of its Downsview Lands. Along with our subsidiary, Parc Downsview Park Inc., we have a long-term commitment to the Downsview community, dating back over 20 years to when Downsview Park was created as a federally managed urban park.

Since then we have planned and developed some of the surrounding neighbourhoods, complete with affordable housing, parks and open spaces, and connections to Downsview Park itself.

A Commitment to the Community

As key proponents of the Downsview Secondary Plan, we are poised to make further contributions to the City, through the development of a series of complete communities, while supporting local economic development in Northwest Toronto. As part of this commitment, CLC will deliver nearly 4.5 million square feet of non-residential space on its Downsview Lands, and at least 12 million square feet together with our partners at Northcrest. Collectively our lands will be responsible for over 37,000 new permanent jobs.

Many of these jobs will be located in repurposed buildings, such as the award-winning Downsview Campus of Centennial College, where we're building on the site's aviation history and students are gaining advanced aerospace training for the jobs of today and tomorrow.

In addition to the new jobs supported by this plan, CLC will be delivering over 22,000 new homes on our lands, with at least 20% as affordable housing.



To close, let me take this opportunity to applaud the hard work and dedication of City staff who brought this Plan forward. Canada Lands Company has been committed to this area for the past two decades and we look forward to our ongoing collaboration in implementing our various District Plans and partnering in the delivery of much-needed social infrastructure, through the Community Development Plan with the City in the years and decades to come.

Sincerely,

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1. Economic and Community Development Committee
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3. Ward 6 Councillor James Pasternak