

Members of the Economic and Development Committee  
City Council and Alejandro Bravo  
Toronto City Hall  
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Dear Members of the Economic and Development Committee,

As Associate Vice President of Real Estate Strategy and Facilities Operations for Centennial College, I am writing to express our organization's strong support for the Downsview Area Secondary Plan, proposed by City of Toronto staff, and the supporting Community Development Plan. Having been involved in the community consultation processes from the outset and also having seen firsthand Canada Lands Company's commitment to working with equity-deserving groups, I am proud to give our enthusiastic endorsement.

In our work at Centennial College, our mission is to educate students for career success, and we are committed to building a secure, sustainable and rewarding future for our students, our institutions and the communities we so proudly serve. As Ontario's first community college, established in 1966, we are proud to serve, primarily the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), with five campuses and seven satellite locations, including our most recently opened campus – the Bombardier Centre for Aerospace and Aviation at Downsview Park. This campus represented a major turning point for Centennial College, furthering our position as a leader in avionics, aircraft maintenance, and aerospace manufacturing education.

We are continuously driving to be more innovative and entrepreneurial, to further exploit the benefits of technology, to creatively engage our employees, to build more bridges with communities and employers, and to see our graduates do meaningful work and have meaningful lives.

The Downsview Area Secondary Plan stands to significantly amplify our impact, opening up opportunities for academic, entrepreneurial initiatives, research and innovation to be nurtured and take root.

I've had the privilege of working closely with Canada Lands Company for several years now as we have established our Aerospace Technology program at Downsview and the efforts that CLC have committed to ensure our success affirms their genuine dedication to seeing the full buildout of the Secondary Plan and all of the community benefits and social infrastructure that will accompany it.

Centennial College is a longstanding member of the Community Resource Group, established by Canada Lands Company and Northcrest Developments, so know firsthand how they earnestly engage with the community at large and incorporate distinctive viewpoints into their planning process, including ours, from our unique perspective of academia, research and innovation.

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I urge the Economic and Development Committee to recognize the critical importance of approval, as it lays the groundwork for a future marked by shared prosperity and opportunity for all members of our community.

Thank you for considering our perspective and for your leadership in moving this important city building initiative forward.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Dekker', is centered on a light gray rectangular background.

Henri Dekker  
Associate Vice President, Real Estate Strategy and Facilities Operations  
Centennial College