



Members of the Planning and Housing Committee
City Council
Toronto City Hall
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Dear Members of the Planning and Housing Committee,

As Chair of the Board for Downsview Aerospace Innovation and Research (DAIR), 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 (CLC) commitment to working with equity-deserving groups, I am proud to give our enthusiastic endorsement.

In our work at DAIR, we are committed to bringing together academics, companies, research organizations and government stakeholders around a shared goal – to advance Canada's global aerospace industry leadership. Located at Downsview Park in Toronto, we are proudly building on the legacy of visionaries, leaders and workers who helped make Canada a global aerospace and aviation champion.

Our purpose is to facilitate innovative collaboration between industry and academia to strengthen Ontario's aerospace ecosystem to the benefit of the Canadian sector as a whole. Our immediate goals are to foster strong R&D partnerships and create transformational solutions that can significantly boost our members' competitiveness. We leverage the power of collaboration to enable technologies for a greener aviation industry and to help aerospace companies enhance their productivity.

The Downsview Area Secondary Plan stands to significantly enhance our impact, bringing together companies and post-secondary institutions to foster industrial competitiveness, innovation and growth.

Canada Lands Company (CLC) has been a critical partner in seeing DAIR's vision come to life. I've had the privilege of working closely with Canada Lands Company (CLC) for several years now as we have established our Hub 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.

DAIR 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.

I urge the Planning and Housing 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,

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Andrew Petrou
Chair of the Board
Downsview Aerospace Innovation and Research (DAIR)