



July 2, 2026

Re: Support for the Downsview West District Plan

Dear Members of North York Community Council,

On behalf of [Downsview Aerospace Innovation & Research \(DAIR\)](#), I am pleased to offer our support for the proposed Downsview West District Plan.

DAIR is a not-for-profit innovation consortium based at Downsview, bringing together industry, academia and government to accelerate research, technology development, workforce growth and collaboration across Ontario's aerospace, defence, and advanced manufacturing sectors. As our organization continues to expand its presence at Downsview, including the development of our growing hub with our partners, we see the Downsview West District as an important component of the area's long-term success.

A thriving innovation ecosystem depends on more than employment lands. It requires vibrant communities that attract talent, support businesses, encourage collaboration and provide places where people can live, work, learn and connect. The Downsview West District Plan aligns with these objectives and will help strengthen Downsview as a destination for innovation, investment and economic growth.

DAIR has worked closely with Canada Lands Company and many local partners as the aerospace innovation ecosystem at Downsview has continued to grow. We believe the proposed development will complement these efforts by creating the type of mixed-use community that supports a modern knowledge-based economy while enhancing the quality of life for those who work, study and live in the area.

We respectfully encourage North York Community Council to support approval of the Downsview West District Plan and enable Canada Lands Company to move forward with this important next phase in the evolution of Downsview.

Sincerely,

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