



March 6, 2026

Toronto and East York Community Council  
Toronto City Hall  
100 Queen St. W.  
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

**Re: TE29.52 - Plan for Heather McGregor Way**

Dear Toronto and East York Community Council members,

I am writing on behalf of the University of Toronto in support of YWCA Toronto's proposal to recognize the extraordinary achievements of their retiring CEO, Heather M. McGregor, by renaming the section of Chestnut Street between Edward Street and Elm Street as Heather McGregor Way.

For more than 30 years, Heather McGregor has served as CEO of YWCA Toronto, a key Toronto charity dedicated to supporting women. Under her leadership, YWCA Toronto has become one of the country's largest multiservice organizations serving women, while also giving voice to members of marginalized communities, refugees, and newcomers to Canada. Among her most notable accomplishments is the YWCA Elm Centre, one of Canada's largest affordable housing developments. In 2023, Heather was appointed to the Order of Canada in recognition of her remarkable contributions to society.

The University of Toronto has seen the impact of YWCA Toronto's work firsthand. Several of our faculty members and alumnae have been honoured with YWCA Toronto's Women of Distinction Awards for their bold vision and outstanding efforts to improve the lives of women and girls both at home and abroad.

As the University of Toronto's Faculty of Dentistry property abuts the Chestnut Street walkway between Edward Street and Elm Street, we are pleased to share our perspective in support of this proposed renaming.

Sincerely,

Professor Scott Mabury

Vice President, Operations and Real Estate Partnerships