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**BRAMPTON COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE, COUNCILLOR DHILLON AND
COUNCILLOR MEDEIROS, APPLAUD CITY'S NEW UNIVERSITY**

BRAMPTON, ON – The City of Brampton's Council representatives on the special Blue Ribbon University Panel, City Councillor Gurpreet Dhillon (Ward 9 & 10) and Regional Councillor Martin Medeiros (Wards 3 & 4), applaud today's decision by The Ontario Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills to award Brampton a new university. Minister Charles Sousa made the official announcement this morning at Brampton City Hall.

"Without a doubt, this City, and this Council worked very hard to get to this point, and I'm proud that the province recognized our hard work, and all our planning that went into it," said City Councillor Gurpreet Dhillon, a member of the special Blue Ribbon Committee, tasked with providing recommendations on establishing a university in Brampton.

Regional Councillor Martin Medeiros, also a member of the Blue Ribbon Committee, said he's proud to have provided input and guidance into making a strong pitch to the province.

"This City has been long underserved, but we're finally tapping into the great potential that Brampton has to offer," said Councillor Medeiros.

The province's plan is to create new postsecondary facilities focused on science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics – skills important to current and future employers, and often grouped together under the acronym STEAM.

"With a young and diverse population, strong economic base, talented labour force, and a regionally integrated transit system, Brampton's race to the future begins NOW," said Councillor Dhillon.

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