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Brand-new university proposed for Brampton

BRAMPTON, ON: Today, Brampton City Council unanimously endorsed an opportunity that would make the city home to a new university.

During the City's Strategic Plan public consultations, residents identified the importance of securing a new university. In November 2013, Council unanimously approved *Brampton's Post-Secondary University Education Strategy*. The plan has two goals:

Goal 1 - Support the creation of Sheridan University that is committed exclusively to undergraduate professional education, with a major campus presence in Downtown Brampton

Goal 2 - Attract a new research-oriented university campus to Brampton

In March 2014, the Ontario government released its *Major Capacity Expansion Call for Proposals Guidelines* to provide funding for 60,000 additional post-secondary education spaces across Ontario.

On April 2, 2014, Council endorsed participation in the proposal call and directed staff to promote Brampton as a host municipality to interested post-secondary institutions, aligning with goal 2 of *Brampton's Post-Secondary University Education Strategy*.

Through outreach efforts, academic leaders from the University of Guelph, supported by Centennial College (the proponents), presented a proposal for a new university in Brampton.

The new university proposal required Council's endorsement in order to proceed with submitting a "Notice of Intent" application to the Ontario government – the first step in the Ontario government's process under its *Major Capacity Expansion Call for Proposals Guidelines*.

Quick Facts

- The City continues to support Sheridan's vision to be an accredited university, offering professional undergraduate degrees.
- Brampton staff and Sheridan have formed a working team to undertake a feasibility study focused on a Sheridan University campus in Downtown Brampton.
- The new university proposal is similar to the creation of the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT), developed out of a partnership with Durham College in Oshawa.
- The new university will offer undergraduate and graduate programs in disciplines that align with Brampton's goal of creating a knowledge-based economy.
- The new university is envisioned to have an initial class of 300, and grow to 3,000 in five years; and 10,000 students in ten years, consistent with the provincial framework for expansion.

Quotes

“New university campuses in Brampton will foster job-creating economic growth, innovation and entrepreneurship. The City of Brampton is committed to ensuring both goals of our *Post-Secondary University Strategy* - including the creation of Sheridan University - are achieved for residents.”

– *Susan Fennell, Mayor*

“City-building for the future is our priority. The growth and size of the new university proposal is reflective of Brampton’s surging demand for post-secondary education as the Province’s key designated Urban Growth Centre in the Greater Toronto Area.”

– *John Corbett, Chief Administrative Officer*

Related Links

Report to Council: [Opportunity for Brampton to be a Host Municipality for a New University](#)

Report to Council: [Brampton's Post-Secondary University Education Strategy](#)

Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities: [Transforming Ontario's Post-Secondary Education System](#)

About Brampton: The 9th largest city in Canada, Brampton has a successful, well-diversified economy and is home to more than 8,000 businesses. The City continues to retain a Triple ‘A’ credit rating by Standard & Poor’s, reflecting its successful economy. Brampton celebrates its diverse population that represents people from 209 distinct ethnic backgrounds who speak 89 different languages. Offering more than 6,000 acres of parkland, Brampton takes pride in being known as the Flower City of Canada. Brampton has been designated since 2007 as an International Safe Community by the World Health Organization. For more information, visit www.brampton.ca.

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