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*President*

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Her Worship, Mayor Linda Jeffrey  
City of Brampton  
2 Wellington Street West  
Brampton, ON L6Y 4R2

Your Worship:

We have appreciated the opportunity to meet with your staff over the past several months to discuss the Province's proposal for university expansion in Brampton, and to learn more about Brampton's ambitious aspirations and plans. We have also undertaken our own internal consultations with our faculty and academic leadership regarding the possible participation of the University of Toronto in this expansion.

Following our consultations, we have decided not to pursue the opportunity for expansion in Brampton at this time. The opportunity has been widely considered across the University. With the expansion that has occurred during the past decade, and the many further commitments in progress, we are understandably focused on implementing plans that are already in motion and consolidating the present expansion during the next few years.

I very much appreciate the work the City has done in advancing the project, both through defining a streamlined process for siting the campus, as well as undertaking research to inform the City's economic strategy. The business case presented by the City was helpful in understanding the region's capacity for population and economic growth. Brampton is clearly well positioned to fulfill its potential and increase its profile and influence in the GTA and beyond.

As you will know, the University of Toronto has been an active partner in promoting growth and opportunities in the western GTA over the past 50 years since the creation of Erindale College in 1967. We continue to welcome an increasing number of students from Brampton into our academic programs and are actively focused on how to expand programming that connects to the growing needs of your City.

Although we have decided not to participate in the Province's major capital expansion program, we are very interested in continuing to work with the City of Brampton and local industry to explore innovative partnerships and programming to address the growing demographic and economic opportunities of the City and region.

Sincerely,

Meric S. Gertler  
President

cc Sheldon Levy, Deputy Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development