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Mayor Patrick Brown
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Via Email: Patrick.Brown@brampton.ca

Dear Mayor Brown:

I am extremely excited by the opportunity for Ryerson to build out its vision for a new kind of medical school in Brampton, one that delivers a people-centered, partnership-based approach to healthcare education and delivery that will have implications across the Peel Region and beyond.

As you know, the 2021-2022 Ontario Budget highlighted provincial funding in a planning grant for Ryerson University to develop a full proposal for a medical school in Brampton.

Ryerson is well placed to build and support healthcare transformation in Brampton. With our demonstrated capacity for innovation in curriculum and practice, our ability to attract talent from diverse backgrounds, and our focus on culturally respectful approaches, Ryerson has demonstrated our commitment to meeting local needs and to embedding an inter professional practice orientation.

Ryerson University has a track record of doing things differently to address societal needs. While other medical schools may talk about their commitments to community health, this will be a purpose-built approach that will ensure that the next generation of doctors trained in Brampton will operate differently to support the health of the community, and in so doing, will contribute to more equitable access to care.

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The COVID-19 pandemic has made clear the challenges faced by Ontario's healthcare system, while at the same time highlighting the urgent need for healthcare transformation. As we look ahead to the future, investment in healthcare and healthcare innovation will be more important than ever to ensure that our healthcare system is equipped to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

Through your leadership and the support of the City Council; Brampton and Ryerson University have partnered to innovate on projects like the Rogers Cybersecure Catalyst - which is leading the way in addressing the serious challenges of cybersecurity; the Ryerson Venture Zone - which is cultivating entrepreneurship and innovation in Brampton; and the G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education - which offers flexible learning opportunities in high-demand subject areas to Brampton residents.

I hope that as we continue to forge a path forward for healthcare transformation in Brampton, we can build on this collaborative spirit for partnership.

Our vision for a new kind of medical school is one that cannot be accomplished alone. Rooted in community, we hope that by working together with partners in Brampton and across the region, we will be able to design a School of Medicine that is in line with values we all hold close – to serve societal need, advance equity, diversity and inclusion, and to improve access to care.

As we embark on our journey to drive healthcare transformation, I would like to present to you and the Brampton City Council on June 23, 2021, in an effort to highlight the social and economic opportunities of the partnership for the future.

Through collaboration and collective ambition, I know we will be able to work together to deliver a brighter future for healthcare in the city of Brampton.

Sincerely,



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